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## BRITAIN URGED TO MEDIATE

## MAY HELP TO KEEP FAR EAST PEACE

## ASIAN POWERS DRIFT AWAY FROM LEAGUE

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London, April 3.

During a protracted debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel, former Cabinet Minister, proposed that Great Britain should accept the role of mediator in any disputes which should in the future arise between Japan and China.

Baron Newton, prominent Conservative Peer, argued that the League of Nations, which had seriously blundered in the matter of Far Eastern problems previously, should keep "hands off" the affairs of the Asiatic powers.

The Duke of Atholl, famous old soldier, deprecated the often-heard theory that Japan was making an effort to absorb China.

"She has trouble enough without trying to conquer China," the Duke of Atholl declared, "with Russia waiting and watching."

Lord Stanhope, winding up the debate, said the British Government had already offered its friendly services to both countries.—United Press.

### NEW SITUATION

London, April 3. During the debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel declared that a new situation had arisen in the Far East within the past few months. He drew attention to the fact that Japan had left the League of Nations and that China had ceased to be a member of the Council, and he suggested that there was some weakening of the ties between the Far East and Europe.

He emphasized that he wished to deprecate any idea of hostility towards Japan. Enough harm had already been done by ill-considered denunciation of that country. Britain had had a long and intimate association with Far Eastern affairs and had a right, and even a duty, to examine the situation closely and offer advice to both parties, as a friend with a full knowledge of the situation.

Viscount Peel quoted statements of the Japanese Foreign Minister as lending colour to the fear entertained in China and elsewhere that Japan wanted to obtain control of China. The situation, he said, was full of suspicion, which was being increased rather than lulled. The question was: what are the aims of Japan? Apparently she wished to have the final word in any projects planned by Western powers in China.

"We must recognise Japan's need for expansion and her desire for further markets and raw materials which is growing daily," Viscount Peel advised.

### DISCUSSES REMEDIES

Discussing remedies for the difficulties in Asia, Viscount Peel said the obvious course was to call a meeting of the signatories of the Nine Power Treaty, but this might be unduly alarming and offend Japan, thus worsening the situation.

The proper method of approach, he thought, was for Britain to offer her services as a mediator, in the friendliest way, but on the understanding that she desired to know what was going on and have a hand in the affair, with the only desire that peace and confidence might be further established.

This, he continued, was a good year to offer those services, because it might be called the China year. "The Lady Precious Stream," picturesque Chinese drama which had been showing in London with such success, the exhibition of Chinese art at Burlington House, and the four hundred Chinese students visiting Britain, were things which brought the two peoples nearer together, and those students, particularly, would take back to China an impression of Britain's friendliness and sympathy.

"We should attempt to bring about a reconciliation between China and Japan."—Reuter.

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## DEMANDS UNITED IRELAND

### DE VALERA'S NEW CHALLENGE

#### SUGGESTS A PLEBISCITE

Dublin, April 3.

The third reading of the Free State Citizenship Bill was preceded to-day by a vigorous speech from Mr. de Valera who said that an Anglo-Irish peace treaty could easily be signed providing Great Britain would cease interfering in Ireland.

The majority of Irish people did not want the country partitioned, as a plebiscite would show, if Britain would consent to hold one.

The present Bill rejected the title of "British subjects" for Irishmen, said Mr. De Valera.

Certain Irish ports were still held by Britain, notwithstanding the fact that they had frequently assured the British Government that they were prepared to defend the coast so no foreign country could use Ireland as a base of attack against Britain.

"Our fight will only end when every inch of Ireland is controlled by a Government elected by the majority of the Irish people," declared Mr. De Valera.—Reuter.

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## AUSTRIAN ARMY'S INCREASE

### CABINET SEEKING PERMISSION

#### CABINET UNITED?

Vienna, April 3.

Austria has decided to ask the Great Powers for permission to re-introduce conscription, says a statement issued before the Cabinet meeting to-night.

According to a well-informed political authority it is intended at present that the Austrian Army should be increased to 60,000 men by the method of selective conscription, in which members of the auxiliary forces will be given preference.

A communiqué says: "The Cabinet, presided over by Chancellor Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, dealt with the question of the enlargement of the Austrian Army and is unanimously of the opinion that the granting to Austria of full equality was a self-evident supposition."

"The necessary preparatory steps have been taken."

It is considered remarkable that Prince von Starhemberg, leader of the Heimwehr, and Vice-Chancellor is not present at the meeting of the Cabinet.—Reuter.

#### FOLLOWS GERMANY

Vienna, Apr. 3.

Austria has issued a communiqué stating that the Government is prepared to follow Germany's example in re-arming.

The communiqué stated that "the necessary preparatory measures have already been taken."—United Press.

## GERMAN AIR ARM EQUALS BRITAIN'S

### ABORTIVE EFFORT AT AGREEMENT

#### ENGLAND FORCED TO BUILD

London, Apr. 3.

The Foreign Secretary, in reply to a Commons question, said in the course of the Berlin conversations the German Chancellor stated in general terms that Germany had reached parity with Britain in the air.

At a later stage in the session Mr. Winston Churchill asked whether, in view of this answer an opportunity to debate this important question would be provided.

The Prime Minister said that for moment he could not set aside any special day for such a debate. Opportunities would occur later of raising the subject on the adjournment.

#### BRITISH EXPANSION

The Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, at a League of Nations Union meeting, on air armaments this evening, said various attempts to attain an international agreement on problems of both civil and military aviation had failed. It was in these circumstances that the Government's decision, now in process of fulfilment, was made to increase the Royal Air Force by 41 squadrons.

The Government's policy remained one of international disarmament, and they had by no means abandoned hope of reaching some limitation, but it was unfortunately impossible to count on early results. Other nations had not yet received treatment. The dog was removed for observation.

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## FARM LOANS FOR KIANGSI

### FUNDS BEING MADE AVAILABLE

Nanchang, April 4.

As an important step toward giving relief to the much depressed rural districts of Kiangsi, which were devastated by the Reds, the Government of Kiangsi is planning to organise a rural relief credit system with a capital of \$1,200,000, part of which is to be made available, through a loan from the National Economic Council and the remainder to be subscribed by a number of banks.

This credit system will provide for the establishment of a rural credit bureau in each of the districts of the province, with a view to lending funds to farmers at exceptionally low rates of interest.—Central News.

#### NAVAL CONFERENCE

Washington, Apr. 3. Admiral Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet, would pay a good-will visit to Yokohama on the opening day of the American Pacific manoeuvres, said Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy on April 10, with the object of dispelling any "bad feeling in Japan on account of the manoeuvres."

Speaking as an individual, Mr. Swanson advocated the inclusion of Germany in the coming Naval Conference.

He had not received any proposal from Germany in this matter, he explained. He believed the proposed German Navy, of 450,000 tons, would not affect the five-to-three ratio of strength as far as Britain, the United States and Japan were concerned.—Reuter.

The Duke and Duchess Kent, who are homeward bound from their honeymoon cruise, landed for two hours from the liner *Orion* at St. George, Bermuda, to-day and were received by the Governor, with whom they drove to the Crystal Caves.—British Wireless.

London, Apr. 3.

The Duke and Duchess of York will launch the P. & O. liner *Strathmore* to-morrow.

Before returning to London,

the Duke and Duchess will drive through part of the English Lake District.—British Wireless.

## MORE RABIES SUSPECTED

### SEVERAL DOG-BITE CASES

Berlin, April 3.

Two dogs belonging to Mrs. Jenkins of 303, The Peak, were removed to Kennedy Town yesterday for observation. It was announced in a police report this morning that the animals had been suspected of having contracted rabies.

A rickshaw coolie, Liu Man, was bitten in the right leg by a dog in Stubbs Road yesterday. The animal, which belonged to Mr. A. B. Stewart of 361, The Peak, was removed to Kennedy Town for observation, while the victim was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

Mr. L. Weil, of 218, Pokfulam Road, has reported to the police that he was informed that his dog had bitten Mr. Briggs, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who resides at the same address. Mr. Briggs has gone to sea and has not yet received treatment. The dog was removed for observation.

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## GOLD COINS IN FRANCE

### ISSUE LIKELY TO BE DELAYED

Paris, Apr. 3.

The re-introduction of gold coins into circulation in France, announced by M. Plandin, the Prime Minister yesterday, is unlikely to be achieved for some time.

It is learned that the Bank of France is unwilling to substitute gold currency for paper until the stock of 5,000,000,000 francs is minted, and as it is estimated that the present capacity of the French mint is 1,000,000 francs a year, it will be five years before the first batch of gold coins are released.—Reuter.

## POLAND DECLINES TO JOIN PACT

## AFRAID OF ROUSING RESENTMENT

## ANGLO-FRENCH SCHEME NOT WELCOMED

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London, April 3.

It is learned on high authority that Poland has refused to enter into the proposed Eastern European Pact, along the lines suggested by Mr. Anthony Eden, British Lord Privy Seal, who has been discussing such a possibility in Warsaw and Moscow since his visit to Berlin recently.

It is stated that the Warsaw conversations were not conclusive, and that Colonel Josef Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, indicated that the Government was unwilling to jeopardise its relations with Germany.

Colonel Beck intimated that Poland was ready to join in any non-aggression treaties or consultative pacts, but he reaffirmed the refusal to join any accord which could possibly entail the incursion of Russian or German troops, or the troops of any other powers, in Polish territory.

An official communiqué, issued earlier, stated that Mr. Eden and Colonel Beck had agreed that their exchange of views had been of "the most informative character and completely met the purpose in view."

The Ministers both emphasise the extremely welcome nature of this opportunity for making close contact, in view of the recent developments in the European political situation.—United Press.

#### BRIEF COMMUNIQUE

London, Apr. 3.

A communiqué issued in Warsaw on the conclusion this afternoon of the Anglo-Polish conversations, states they were conducted in an atmosphere of great cordiality.

It adds that Mr. Anthony Eden gave Colonel Beck an account of the recent conversations in Berlin and Moscow, and the Polish Government's views on matters referred to in the Anglo-French declaration of February 3 were explained to Mr. Eden.

Both statesmen agreed that the interchange of views had been of a most informative character and had completely fulfilled their purpose. The desirability of maintaining close contact in regard to future developments in the European situation is emphasised in the communiqué.

Mr. Eden, who is travelling by night train from Warsaw, will arrive in Prague early tomorrow morning. Conversations with the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Beneš, are expected to occupy the whole of the morning and according to present arrangements Mr. Eden, after attending a lunch given in his honour by Dr. Beneš, will leave for London by air.—British Wireless.

## JUBILEE VOTE OPPOSED

## WAR PREPARATIONS IN ABYSSINIA

### WORK GOES FORWARD QUITE OPENLY

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Apr. 3.

War preparations are proceeding quite openly in Abyssinia, according to a despatch from Addis Ababa, capital of the Ethiopian Empire, received by the *Daily Telegraph*.

This situation may seriously complicate the problem between Italy and Abyssinia, since Abyssinia recently proposed that the League take steps to appoint an Arbitration Commission and that meanwhile preparations for war on the part of both Italy and Abyssinia should immediately cease.—United Press.



## SCIENCE MENACES SOCIETY

### TOO RAPID RATE OF CHANGE

SIR DANIEL HALL

"The Pace of Progress" was the title of the Rode Lecture given by Sir Daniel Hall, Director of the John Innes Horticultural Institution, at Cambridge University yesterday.

Sir Daniel Hall said the pace of material progress based upon science had become so rapid that the social structure of the nations could not adjust itself quickly enough to assimilate the advances. This was most evident in the agriculture of those European States which were based upon a peasant system of farming. State intervention followed in one form or another with the object of preserving the peasant structure; and it was this State control, extending to all industry besides agriculture, that would provide the agency effectually to reduce the rate of change.

Dr. Whitehead had discussed the effects of the shortened time-span which now prevailed in human affairs. In the early stages of civilization the great technical changes, such as the substitution of bronze for flint, or iron for bronze, involved a time-span of the order of a thousand years. Even so, the course of progress was subject to immense setbacks. The rapidity of scientific discoveries had diminished the time-span to a few years. But the texture of human nature responded slowly to these changes in its environment. Consequently, as Dr. Whitehead argued, society had ceased to be stable, because the material progress that used to be spread over many generations now occurred within a single lifetime. No longer was it a sound basis for Government to assume that life would be carried on in the near future as it had been in the immediate past. It had become a commonplace that the march of science was no longer wholly beneficial but was developing aspects destructive of their accustomed economy.

#### ECONOMIC STANDSTILL

Agriculture at the present time afforded an example of an industry brought to world-wide economic standstill because of their inability to handle the enhanced powers of production due to science. On the one hand, they had European countries "freezing" their peasant social structure by tariffs and other fiscal expedients; on the other, they had the exporting countries adopting fantastic measures—Brazil burning coffee and the United States ploughing up cotton and paying bounties for "not raising" hogs.

The other industries afforded kindred examples. The normal sequence of an improved process was the destruction of a certain amount of capital and the temporary throwing of labouring men out of work. But credence should not be given to the idea that over-production was the cause of the world depression; the theory of over-production postulated a static society and an inelastic demand. They might agree that the world's requirements of bread had latterly been over-supplied, but the surplus production of wheat was convertible into milk, eggs, bacon, &c., of which no one would suppose men and women the world over were getting their fill.

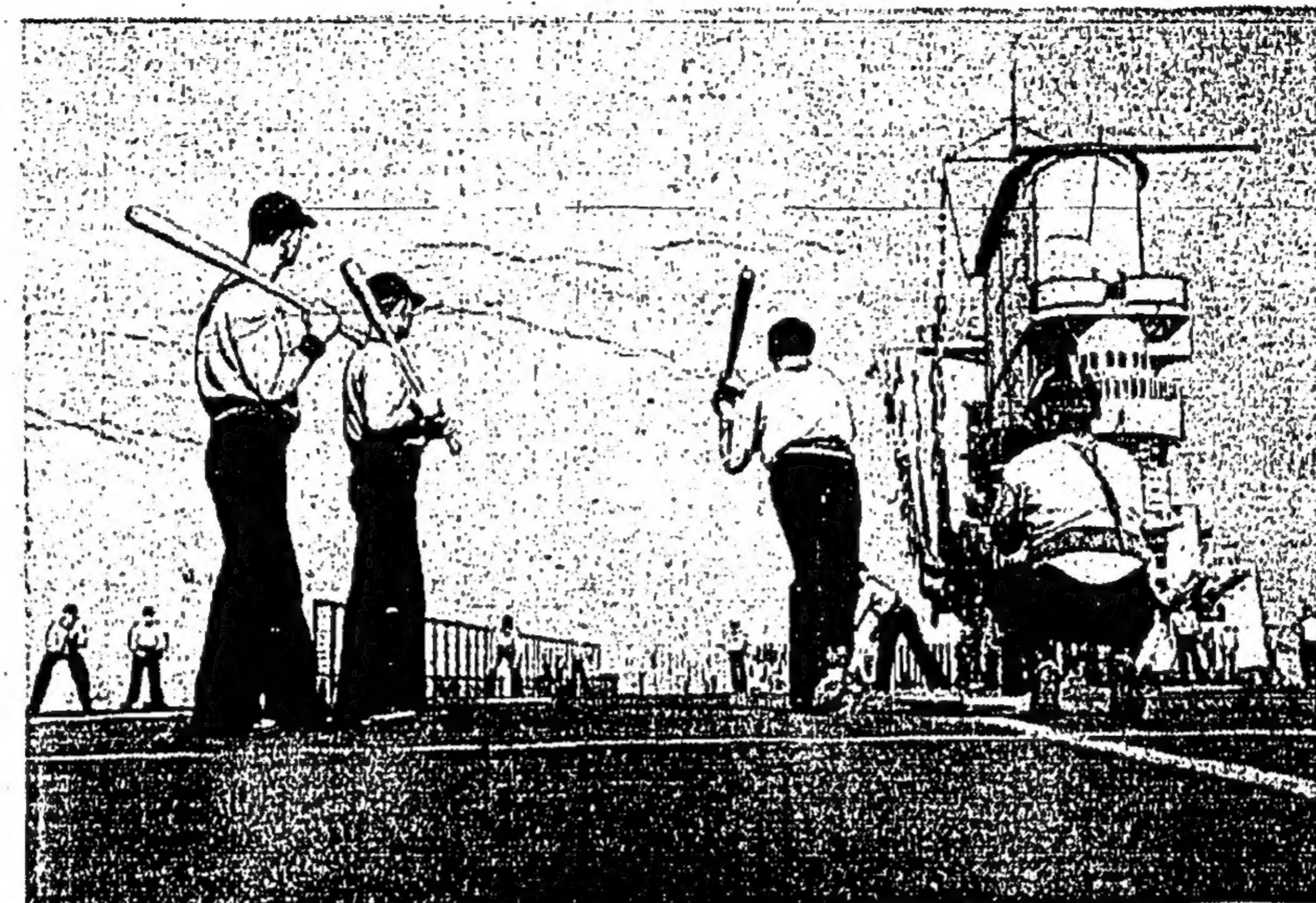
To the disturbing effects of science in the form of invention and discovery must be added the power conferred by advances in the technique of organisation. It was the power thus attainable by big business, the efficiency it could acquire in the translation into action of the material advances promised by scientific discovery, that had caused science to become a standing menace to the orderly structure of society.

#### FANTASTIC CONDITION

Coming to the question of economic self-sufficiency, Sir Daniel Hall remarked that when the French Government bought the wheat of its farmers at 6d. a quarter and had to sell the surplus beyond the requirements of its own smillers at 20s. a quarter; when the Czechoslovak beet-sugar cartel had to charge its own countrymen 4½d. a lb. for sugar in order to sell the other half of its output to Great Britain at 1d. a lb., it must be concluded that these expedients had some purpose behind them, however immediately fantastic they appeared. The position had grown up step by step through opportunist legislation that did not look beyond the immediate situation. It was designed to meet. It had been reserved for the Irish Free State to reach the logical conclusion—that if the effect of the organisation required to keep an industry in being was the generation of a surplus unsaleable internally, it would give it away to its own poor people rather than to foreigners. They



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The complaint is as old as the hills. Throughout the ages we read of this supposed lack of time. There are so many things to do, so much to see, and so little time to appreciate what we have done and seen, so little time to think and to commune with oneself on the real essentials of daily life. One experience rushes on to the other, and we are left in a whirl at the end of the day.

One of the best ways to find time is to eliminate the waste of it. One of the greatest leakages of time is wholly useless gossip. In this case a "still tongue will make a wise head," and, incidentally, save quite a lot of time.

It is necessary to keep a sharp eye on the minutes wasted, and the hours will look after themselves. In fact, be careful never to waste a minute on non-essential things, and you will save a deal of time which to do things of importance. We are losing the power of discrimination, and anything is good enough so long as it is done without any worry. More fuss. But ask a woman who has time still, we are inducing what is "no time" and is always lamenting loosely called "nerves" in these shortnesses of the day, and your day. This complaint is caused by job will never be done to time! worry—the worry of trying to do

#### NO DISCRIMINATION

she goes on. There is another aspect of all this useless rush, this ceaseless craze to see this and that, mostly of no importance. We are losing the power of discrimination, and anything is good enough so long as it is done without any worry. More fuss. But ask a woman who has time still, we are inducing what is "no time" and is always lamenting loosely called "nerves" in these shortnesses of the day, and your day. This complaint is caused by job will never be done to time!

a thousand and one unimportant things in time.

From this worry springs the greatest enemy of modern life—fear. It is born of failure to give oneself time to appreciate the fundamentals of life. No time to sit down and think things out. We lose the centre of our being and a grip upon ourselves.

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No. of date	New York Cotton	Apr. 2	Apr. 3
May	10.98	10.91/101	
July	11.02	10.97/97	
October	10.41	10.50/51	
December	10.42	10.52/52	
January (1936)	10.42	10.54/54	
March	10.44	10.59/61	
Spot	11.25	11.20	
New York Rubber			
May	11.36	11.30/30	
July	11.47	11.42/42	
September	11.61	11.55/55	
October	11.67	11.63/63	
December	11.86b	11.80/82	
January	11.96	11.90/90	
Total sales—200 lots			
Chicago Wheat			
May	94%	95 1/2-95 1/4	
July	90%	91 1/2-91 1/4	
September	90%	91-90 1/2	
Tuesday's sales—11,831,000 bushels			
Chicago Corn			
May	81	83 1/4-83 3/4	
July	74%	76 1/4-76 1/2	
September	70	71 1/2-71 1/4	
Total sales—8,276,000 bushels			
Winnipeg Wheat			
May	85%	84 1/4-86 1/4	
July	85	84 1/4-84 3/4	
New York Silk			
May	1.29	1.30-1.30	
July	1.29	1.29-1.29	
September	1.28	1.28 1/2-1.29	
Total sales—117 lots			
Montreal Copper			
May	61.70	62.30/30	
July	62.50	62.00/63	
September	62.00	63.40/60	
December	63.00	63.30	
Total sales—100 Contracts			

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## HONGKONG CELEBRATION OF SILVER JUBILEE

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

#### May 6—Morning

10 a.m.—Official Service in St. John's Cathedral.

11 a.m.—Public meeting in the Headquarters of the Hongkong Volunteers Defence Corps, attended by His Excellency the Governor, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Judges, Local Justices of the Peace, Heads of Departments and the Jubilee Committee, and their ladies, at which a loyal address and a telegram of congratulation to His Majesty the King will be read and approved.

Noon.—Royal Salute by the Navy and the Garrison.

#### May 6—Afternoon

4 p.m.—Garden Party at Government House.

Noon to 6 p.m.—Chinese procession in the town.

#### May 6—Evening

8 p.m.—"Lighting up time"—The illuminations of the Colony will be switched on instantaneously.

Military Bands will play in Hongkong and Kowloon.

9.30 p.m.—Searchlight and rocket display by the Navy.

Night-flying display by the Air Force.

Fireworks and "artificial fountain" displays in the harbour.

#### Tuesday, May 7

9.45 to 11 a.m.—Review at Happy Valley. Special space reserved for school-children.

Noon to 6 p.m.—Chinese procession.

8 p.m.—General illumination. Military Bands. Chinese lantern procession, which will pass Government House at 9.15 p.m.

9.30 p.m.—Repetition of the searchlight and Night Flying displays.

#### Wednesday, May 8

Noon to 6 p.m.—Chinese procession.

4 to 6 p.m.—Jamborally at Happy Valley—including a March Past, displays of Bridge Building, Ambulance and other Scout and Guide activities. Country Dancing and exhibitions of handicraft work. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel will be present.

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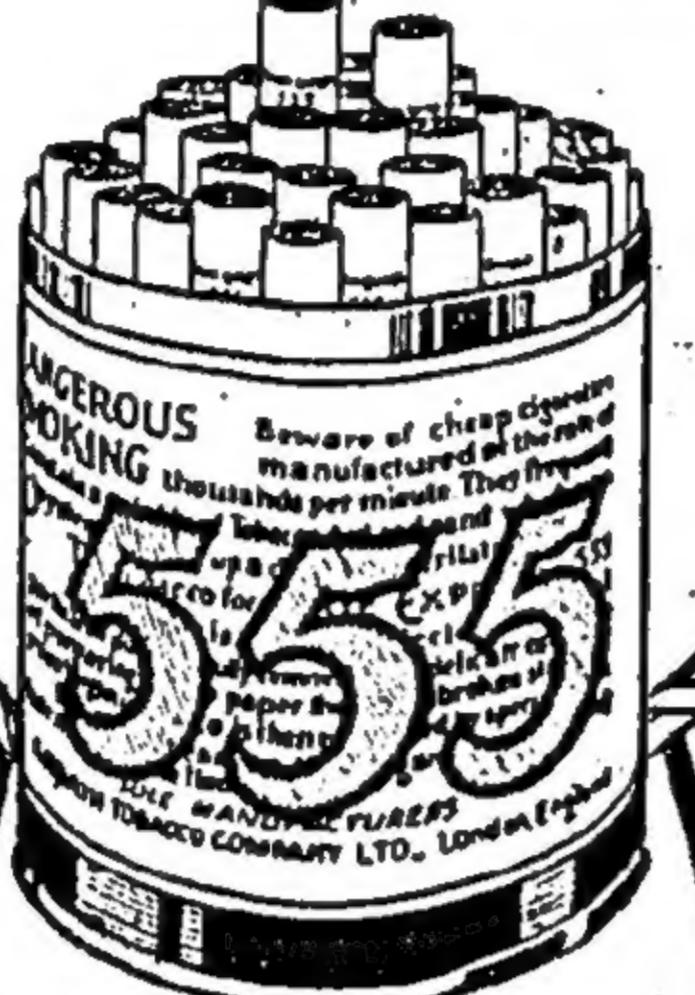
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8.45 a.m. "The News."

9 a.m. Close down.

Transmission 2

(G.S.P. and G.R.C.)

Big Ben, "Afairs Piratic."

7.45 p.m. A Pianoforte Recital by Ernest

Greenwich Time Signal at 10 Noon

8 p.m. Speeches at the banquet given by

the Royal Empire Society on the

occasion of the Silver Jubilee of

His Excellency the Governor, K.C.M.G.,

8.30 p.m. The Belfast Wireless Orchestra.

9.30 p.m. An Organ Recital.

10 p.m. "The News."

10.30 p.m. Close down.

Transmission 3

(G.S.P. and G.R.C.)

10.15 p.m. Big Ben, "Looking Backwards."

11 p.m. The London Wayne Band, Gordon

Moore (Flute).

11.45 p.m. Talk, "Under Big Ben," Mr.

Howard Marshall.

Greenwich Time Signal at 10 p.m.

12 a.m. "Scottish Delight," including "And

"They're w/ us yet."

12.45 a.m. "The News."

1 a.m. Reginald Dixon, at the Organ of

the Tower Ballroom, Black-

pool.

1.30 a.m. Dance Music.

1.45 a.m. Close down.

Transmission 4

(G.S.D. and G.S.B.)

1 a.m. Big Ben, "The News."

2.15 a.m. Reginald Dixon, at the Organ

of the Tower Ballroom, Black-

pool.

2.50 a.m. Music of Roger Quilter, The

B.B.C. Midland Orchestra,

Greenwich Time Signal at 7 p.m.

3.40 a.m. Talk, "Church Choirs of the

Empire."

Instrumental Interludes.

Greenwich Time Signal at 8 p.m.

4.15 a.m. "Afairs Piratic."

4.55 a.m. Variety.

5.10 a.m. "In the Shadow," A play for

broadcasting by Hermon Gidds.

5.50 a.m. "Private Interlude."

6 a.m. "The News."

6.15 a.m. A Recital by Margaret Franks

(Contralto) and Antoni Sals

(Violinist).

6.45 a.m. Close down.

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7.30 p.m. La Estrella del Norte—Hermano

Trio.

7.45 p.m. Health Messenger.

8 p.m. Songs with Music—Carmen &

Gilito Franchell.

8.15 p.m. Mo and Noah.

8.30 p.m. NEPA Programme.

8.45 p.m. Storytellers.

9.00 p.m. Classical Music.

10.30 p.m. Sign Off.

Mr. Wei Tat, M.A., will this evening

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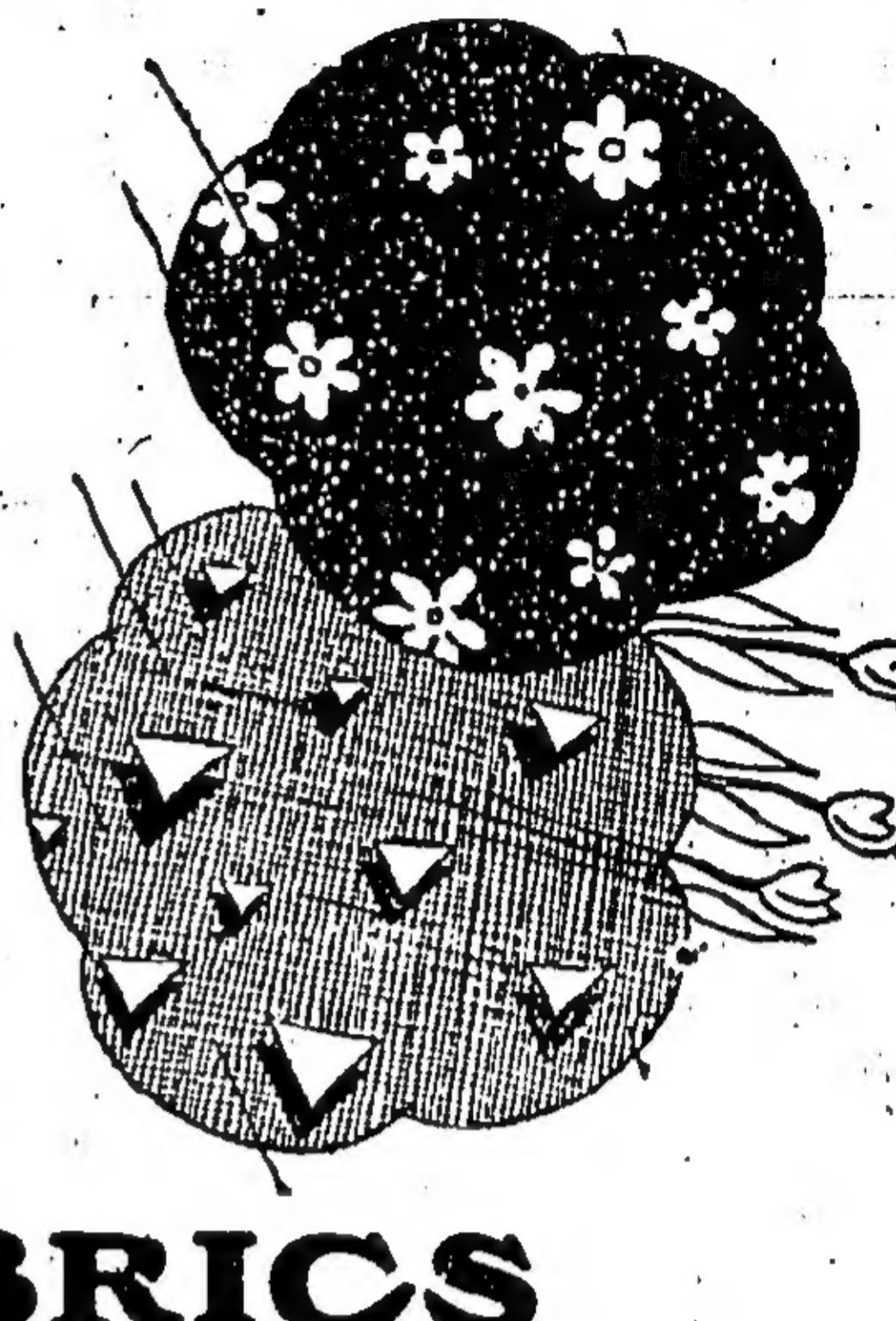
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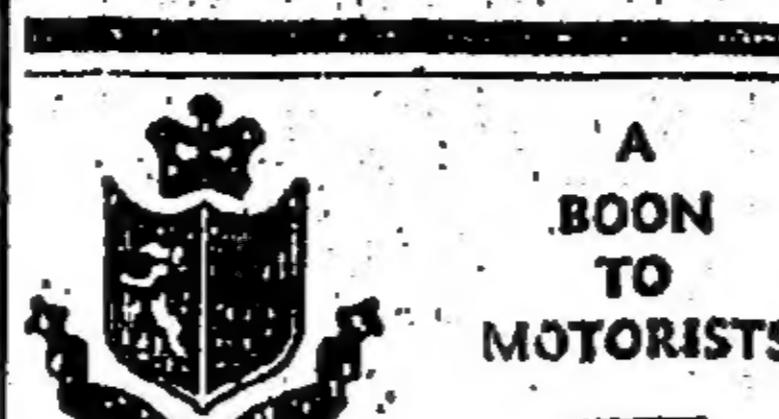
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**NOTES OF THE DAY****THE WORK DOLLAR**

Every novel idea for currency reform is studied by America's experts before it is pigeon-holed or scrapped, because somebody might produce some scheme which would be of value. That is wisdom. The administrators are afraid to laugh at a fool lest they should be presently proved in error. The latest worry for the big people at the White House is the "work dollar." Somebody brought this idea into the Capitol and Congressmen cannot make up their minds whether it is just nonsense or something which will prove a blessing. The idea of the "work dollar" is something like this: an hour of standard labour, worth \$1 to the worker, shall be made the standard measurement of monetary values. The idea of stabilising money in relation to a wages index is old to English economists, but it is something altogether new in Washington. It is a discovery, according to Mr. E. W. Mason, manager of the Progressive Party, which consists of the remnants of the La Follette Presidential Campaign Army of 1924, sometimes known as the Mugwumps, the American father of the "work dollar" plan.

This is, above all, the age of oil. Gold and coal have both lost their predominance. Men who have had unique opportunities of forming judgments worth listening to—Presidents, Premiers, Foreign Ministers—have realised this and said so.

A very cautious man, Calvin Coolidge, the late President of the United States, observed: "It is even probable that the supremacy of nations may be determined by the possession of available petroleum and its products."

Georges Clemenceau, France's ultra-realistic national leader, remarked: "A drop of oil is worth a drop of blood." He might have added that it has usually cost it.

Lord Curzon, who knew just how and why the Great War happened and ended, commented after the Armistice: "The Allies were carried to victory on a flood of oil."

The daily life of a modern State would be strangled, with immediate food shortage, outbreaks of disease, civil dissension and universal panic, if the supplies of petroleum came to an end. As for war, it cannot be contemplated without enormous reserves of this priceless liquid fuel. Not one wagon could move, not one lorry, not one aeroplane, without petroleum.

The same is true of most navies. Since Lord Fisher's tenure of power, the British Navy, the greatest in the world and the Empire's time-honoured guard against aggression, has become entirely oil-burning. There is not an important ship in the whole Fleet to-day burning coal.

This condition of things has not come about suddenly. It is the result of the gradual changes of the last seventy years. To-day the Governments of the world are deeply involved in the politics of oil.

Oil politics are world politics in a very real sense, for he who controls petroleum for the next two decades could put himself in such a position, if he played his cards skilfully, that it would need a great many revolutions and convulsions to remove him from power.

The secret war for oil has never stopped since it broke out half a century ago. It will not stop for some time yet. It actuates and explains the behaviour—often otherwise inexplicable—of the Governments of the world's Great Powers.

It is the cause of bloody revolutions in—to us—obscure South American and Near Eastern countries. It attracts men of genius, and men, too, whose acquisitive instinct is developed to the stature of a perversity—adventurers,

**HOLLYWOOD'S "SAVIOUR"**

Dickens is Hollywood's "saviour." The long queues at the ticket offices must gladden the hearts of motion picture theatre managers as "David Copperfield" pulls in such crowds as have not been seen since the easy-come-easy-go free spending days of five years ago. Just what is the secret of this enthusiastic acclaim by so large a section of the American public? It cannot lie altogether in the intelligent casting of the parts, or in the sympathetic handling of the subject. Other screen attractions have been cleverly cast and well directed. Excellently portrayed as are all the roles in "David Copperfield" the feminine personae of less successful films have included names more "glamorous," to use the current, and rather overworked, Hollywoodism. Grappling with every-day problems; weary and scared with a pseudo-sophistication that scoffs at sentiment and brushes virtue by, many are finding something more near reality in the unashamed sentiment and simple virtues infinitely depicted by England's foremost novelist.

which at the moment happen to be inactive. One point which has been made plain in recent years is that small hopes can be entertained of the efficacy of national action; the issue is one for co-ordinated international treatment. Until the various countries most affected come to a full realisation of this point, it is unlikely that any material improvement will be brought about.

**OIL—THE LIFE BLOOD OF NATIONS**

By GLYN ROBERTS,

NEWS CHRONICLE FEATURE WRITER

dare-devils. It produces its own Talleyrand, Cromwell, Napoleons.

It does not seek the limelight; its big men exercise from behind the curtains of the diplomatic stage an influence which has sometimes affected the destinies of peoples.

Half-truths and innuendoes in this terrific story have repeatedly found their way into books and newspapers. The whole truth has never been told, and probably never will be.

The world will probably never learn the whole truth of the diplomatic moves shortly before King Faisal's death. This full tale will never be revealed of the doings in Russia and the Near East of Sidney George Reilly, alias Rosenblum, of the British Secret Service.

The identity of the Secret Service man who secured a Near Eastern oil concession by posing as a priest; the relations between oil interests, Continental armaments firms and the Paris Press; the fantastic but plausible story contained in French Secret Service File No. 23,779—these are likely to remain in the ambiguous and sinister background of rumour, true or false.

The great known oil-fields of the world are roughly divided into two areas—the Caucasus and the Caribbean. It was in the Caucasus, then as now one of the richest areas in the whole world, that the first Oil Magnate of the modern type appeared.

This was Hassan Kouli Khan, subject of the Shah of Persia, and of no one else; whom we find; the last Prince of Baku, exporting 2,000 barrels, or sheepskins, of petroleum a month in the first years of the last century. By taxing the sales of this oil the Persian Shah found himself a rich man. It is a technique subsequent Shahs have perfected.

One day in 1805 the Prince Tsitsianov, with a handful of men, presented himself at the Palace of Hassan Kouli Khan and demanded the sovereignty of the Khanate of Baku in the name of his master, the Tsar of All the Russias. The Khan invited the Prince into the Palace, smiled amiably at him, and swept off his insolent head with one mighty blow of his scimitar and sent it by caravan to the Shah.

But he himself very soon followed the gift to Persia, and the Tsar's Cossacks entered Baku. The Russians at that time knew nothing of petroleum. The industry fell into a decline. The Tsar's nominee for the post of Commandant at Baku—regarded at St. Petersburg as virtual exile—thought he would recover the imperial approval with a detailed account of the resources of the Khanate. In his report figured this thick black liquid.

"Very interesting," said the Tsar. "Send a scientific expedition (Continued on next column.)

*The Very Idea!***THAT LAST DOLLAR**

By Horatio Bogg, Pauper

IT was the day after pay-day, but, Allah be praised! we still had that last remaining dollar, secreted, for additional safety, in our coat-lining.

That was not as it should be, when, by all the rules and traditions, we should not have retained that much wealth so long. The Gods would be angry, and when they were angry they would find a way to accomplish our complete ruination.

Premonition of evil which proved to be only too true. It was, another "Flower Day", and, all unsuspecting, we walked into the trap.

Futile to have sought escape.

We had hardly dodged down a lane, when our exit was barred at both ends, and ahead were two fair sellers who had beaten us to it.

"Foiled again!" we snarled. We had the hunted look of a quarry run to earth, but our fist was still clenched tightly over the dollar.

"Mr. Bogg, you have not bought a flower from us." "Mr. Bogg, this one should go well with that nice suit of yours."

Who could have resisted those dears? Our resolution melted like wax, and we surrendered that last dollar. Once again we were broke. The Gods had found us.

It was a new kind of flower by which we were sold.

Whether the flower was a rose or a geranium, we don't know. The point is unimportant beside the fact that it had to be a new kind of flower every time a Flower Day was held.

It is a sad story, mattoys, going back to a number of Flower Days. We recall that, in an attempt to economise, on an occasion we had saved a rose, anticipating that roses would again be sold on the next Flower Day to come.

Our anticipation turned out to be quite correct, but because we bungled over the job, wearing our rose before these flowers were actually out on the streets, the Committee became suspicious, and started an inquiry.

The upshot of it was this decree of a new flower for each sale.

There again, we were foiled. But as hope springs eternal in the human breast, and as this hope is about our only possession at the moment, we are still holding on to that rose. Maybe we may outlive the whole range of flowers! Then, when they have to come back to the rose, that last laugh which we still hope to have on the Committee will be ours.

**Science from an Armchair.**  
We heard this week of an aged Empire-builder (retired) who, every morning, as he makes his slow, dignified way from bar to bar, is followed by the following animals—a mauve elephant (ordinary enough, and needing no comment), three orange-tinted camels with five (count them—five) humps apiece, and snake with legs.

As he invariably carries a hunting-crop, he gets little trouble from his pets until he gets to the corner of Pall Mall and St. James's Square. Here, for some reason, they refuse, more often than not, to keep in line. He does not condescend to argue or bully them. He merely observes, in an icy tenor which once put the fear of Allah into the aborigines of the M'Bongo hinterland:

"Any more trouble from you, by Gad, and I'll take a couple of aspids and get rid of the whole ruddy lot of you!"

tion to see what use can be made of the stuff." Some of Russia's greatest savants were in the Caucasus for many weeks. Their verdict was:

"Petroleum is a liquid which has no use whatsoever. As for its nature, it is a sticky liquid with an unpleasant smell. It cannot be employed in any productive fashion."

But history has judged otherwise. Several hundred thousand men and women and children have died since them for the Oil of Caucasus. To-day, more than ever, the city of Baku and the incalculably rich petroleum fields of the Near East are the centre of a ruthless secret war.

In this otherwise unimportant isthmus between two large Asiatic lakes is concentrated billions of dollars' worth of the liquid which makes and breaks Governments.



"I'll be glad when our crowd gets a bit older and stops having birthdays."

**"THE YOUNG IDEA"**

**Brilliant Success**  
By A.D.C.

An engaging plot, scintillating dialogue and some really outstanding acting enable the Hongkong A.D.C. to record one of its greatest successes in the presentation of Noel Coward's "The Young Idea," enacted for the first time last night and which will be performed again to-night, to-morrow and Saturday at the China Fleet Club.

Usually, amateur play acting can be fully described by the word "Efficient." But this description implies merely word perfection and adherence to a certain standardised form of stage technique, permitting little or no room for the more subtle expressions of individuality.

Such a label is quite insufficient to attach to the A.D.C.'s present production, for the very essence of the players' success is the absence of stereotype form in their delineations.

In the first place, the Club very wisely decided on a light comedy by that modern master of gentle satire and subtle wit which is decidedly within its scope. Thus the players have approached their task with complete confidence. The dialogue is not difficult, enabling the performers to make a fuller study of the histrionics demanded by the play. One is therefore deeply impressed by the sincerity behind the various studies, and the happiness in which the players approach their work.

**INDIVIDUALITY AND PERSONALITY**

All of the principals infuse individuality and personality into their characterisations, and only very occasionally is there a drop to a common standard generally associated with school plays.

The cast is so extraordinarily well balanced that no one principal gains more honours than another. In practically every instance the players are perfectly suited to their parts.

Most of the fun (and there is enough laughter in the three acts to drive away any fit of depression) comes through Gerda and Sholto, played respectively by Betty Fair and Donald MacAlister, and it can be stated with complete confidence that Miss Fair has never performed better on the local stage. The ingenious manner in which she conceives schemes to counter unexpected situations ideally describes the type of Modern Young Miss which the author had in his mind when he conceived the play. She is given some very witty lines and makes to utmost of them.

Donald MacAlister is a newcomer to the Hongkong footlights, but no "grill" is more warmly welcome than this gentleman who has performed with distinction on the Shanghai amateur stage. His is a delightful study, and his contribution to a first rate entertainment, of the utmost importance.

**INDISPENSABLE CHAMPKIN**

Cyril Champkin is an indispensable to the Hongkong stage as silver is to a dollar, and this clever actor pays tribute to himself by making his varied parts fit him like a glove. His adaptability is no less important to the success of his appearances than his engaging stage personality, and as George Brent, the man with those rather queer and distorted ideas of an "English Gentleman" and with an "Old School Tie" complex, Mr. Champkin touches new heights of excellence in his performance.

Beryl Gough, playing Jennifer, Brent's first wife, divorced, and Myrtle Brown appearing as Cleely (his second wife) both give highly enjoyable performances and add lustre to a fine production.

**EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS**

The remainder of the cast are equally facile and engaging. Joan Mollison scores distinctly with her interpretation, as does Andrew Macklin until he comes to the love-making scene; then we are made to cast doubts on his sincerity. A little more enthusiasm in his profession of love for Cleely would have made the lines sound less like stock exchange quotations.

Renee Tolodano fits in and off the stage in the last act, but she is highly attractive in all that she does, and no fault can be found with the house party of the English country gentry adequately portrayed by Helen Prior, Vivienne Blackburn, Eric Brooks, Crawford Ltd., the South China Morning Post, Hongkong Daily Press, Hongkong Telegraph, China Mail, Hongkong Sunday Herald, and Critic.

**DELINQUENT GENERAL****SZECHUEN OFFICER DISMISSED**

Chunking, Apr. 4. Under orders from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the local Anti-Red Military Headquarters has taken dramatic action in dealing with the delinquent Szechuanese generals in their anti-Red operations on the northern fronts.

The latest case is that of General Tan Chung-yao, whose forces were assigned the defence of the line in North-eastern Szechuan. General Tan is held responsible for the serious losses of a number of important cities including Pachang and Yilung.

He is also held responsible for the collapse of the defence line along the Lingkang River, thus rendering the situation more uncontrollable. Hence, he has been ordered dismissed and punished in accordance with the Military Law.

Marshal Chiang has also ordered General Tan Chung-yao's troops to be reorganised and incorporated into General Sun Chien's ranks.—*Central News*.

**CONGRATULATING THE KING****LORDS AND COMMONS ADDRESSES**

London, April 3. The Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, announced that the Government proposed on May 8 to move an address of congratulation to the King on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his reign. A similar motion would be moved in the House of Lords.

His Majesty had been pleased to indicate that he would visit Westminster Hall on May 10 to receive both addresses.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Eyre Monson, stated that arrangements were made for reserving about 1,200 places for Members of Parliament in three steamers which will convey guests round the Fleet in the wake of the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert and the Admiralty yacht Enchantress on the occasion of the review of the Fleet at Spithead on July 16.—*British Wireless*.

Among the passengers booked from Europe who sailed from Vancouver on the R.M.S. Empress of Canada on March 23, due in Hongkong on April 12, 1936, are the following:—M. C. G. Tosh, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tan, Major H. R. Craibshaw, Mr. W. Gordon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Watkinson, Mr. M. C. D. Drummond, Mr. H. B. Duff, Mr. R. A. Onslow, Mr. Llwyd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis.

Task Force, to express one's admiration for the manner in which he has carried out the task of presenting this brilliant comedy for the entertainment of Hongkong. Judged on this work it is safe to predict that Mr. Campbell has a future of great promise as a producer and we shall impatiently await his next effort. If it is even as good as "The Young Idea" it will be completely satisfying.—S.A.G.

**THE CAST**

The full cast is:

George Brent, Cyril Champkin; Gerda, Betty Fair; Sholto, Donald MacAlister; Jennifer (his first wife, divorced), Beryl Gough; Cleely (his second wife), Myrtle Brown; Priscilla Hartleberry, Joan Mollison; Claud Eccles, Gerald Nigel; Julia Crayworthy, Helen Prior; Eustace Dabbs, Eric Brooks; Sibyl Blauth, Vivienne Blackburn; Rodney Masters, Andrew Macklin; Huddle (butler), Robert Barry; Hiriam J. Walkin, Donald O'Cliffe; Maria (servant at the villa), Renee Tolodano.

The play was produced by R. R. Campbell, assisted by the following:

Stage Manager—E. Grossman; Lighting—R. A. Starling; Prompters—Robert Barry and Vivienne Blackburn; Programme advertising—Roxor Advertising Company.

Pleasing incidental music, between acts, was rendered on the piano by Miss Doreen Ma.

Other Developments?

"Possibly," said Lord Lothian,

"the Japanese have serious further developments in view. There is

a possibility of development of the

Mongolian Empire, which wants

careful watching. We shall never

get a satisfactory solution unless

we watch sympathetically and

judge how far we can aid such

development."

Lord Lothian added that the

Labourites would support a full

discussion between all nations in-

involved, including the Soviet. Such

a conference must emphatically

reiterate that the Powers concerned

have no intention to continue

domination and exploitation of the

Chinese people.

Government Reply

Lord Stanhope, replying for the

Government, said it was going too

far to say that China was finan-

cially on the point of collapse.

**BRITAIN URGED TO MEDIATE**

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and Japan, without exciting the suspicions and hostility of other powers," said Viscount Pelle.

**PRO-JAPANESE VIEW**

London, Apr. 4. Under orders from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the local Anti-Red Military Headquarters has taken dramatic action in dealing with the delinquent Szechuanese generals in their anti-Red operations on the northern fronts.

The latest case is that of General Tan Chung-yao, whose forces were assigned the defence of the line in North-eastern Szechuan. General Tan is held responsible for the serious losses of a number of important cities including Pachang and Yilung.

He is also held responsible for the collapse of the defence line along the Lingkang River, thus rendering the situation more uncontrollable.

Hence, he has been ordered

dismissed and punished in accordance with the Military Law.

Marshal Chiang has also ordered

General Tan Chung-yao's troops to be reorganised and incorporated into General Sun Chien's ranks.—*Central News*.

**THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY****H.M.S. BRISBANE TO BE SCRAPPED**

London, Apr. 3.

Sir Eyre Monson announced to-day that H.M.S. Australia, in which the Duke of Gloucester recently returned from his Empress tour, will probably remain in Home waters until early in May. H.M.S. Brisbane will arrive in Home waters early in July, and in due course be scrapped on reparation by H.M.S. Sydney, which will be manned by her crew.

Referring to arrangements for extending hospitality to the officers and men of both ships, he mentioned the invitation of the Lord Mayor of London to a representative party from Australia to a luncheon in the Guildhall on April 10.—*British Wireless*.

**DUTCH INDIES' VISITOR****MINISTER OF ECONOMY SEEING CHINA**

Nanking, April 4.

Mr. Hardy, Minister of Economy in the Dutch East Indies, with his wife, is proceeding to Peiping after paying a courtesy visit to the Chinese Government leaders here.

Mr. Hardy told pressmen on his departure that he was favourably impressed by the construction works in the new Chinese capital. He added that his visit was purely of a private nature without political significance. However, he took a deep interest in the economic development of China.

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Lord Glasgow referred to the Boundary Commission between China and Burma and asked when it was going to start.

Lord Lamington urged that the moment was favourable for Britain, Japan and the United States to come to agreement as regards the Pacific.

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# REMARKABLE TENNIS IN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

## TSUI BROTHERS HAVE MATCH IN HAND

## BUT PAUL KONG AND LEE WAI TONG STAGE RECOVERY

## WIN SIX GAMES IN ROW TO ENTER THE SEMI-FINAL

(By "Veritas")

In no other match during the current championships has fluctuating fortune been so featured as in yesterday's open doubles quarter-final tie between the Tsui brothers and Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong. From directly favouring Kong and Lee, the game swung round to aid the brothers and to see them turn the loss of the first set into a lead of 5-1 in the final stanza; then, when all seemed over, Kong and his partner staged a "comeback", taking six games in a row and winning an extraordinary match by 6-3, 5-6, 7-5.

With Tsui Wai-pui playing dilatory tennis throughout it was not surprising that the opposition won; yet once the Tsui brothers had reached such a stage of ascendancy in terms of games they should have clinched the issue without further trouble.

Actually they led 40-love on Tsui Wai-pui's service and Kong and Lee had to save four match points before starting their great counter-attack.

### DISMAL WAI-PUI.

It is generally recognised that Tsui Wai-pui is not a very brilliant doubles player, that is judged by the standards of local champions, but never before have I seen him figure so dismal in a doubles match as yesterday.

He played a desultory type of tennis as though he had accepted elimination as inevitable. And even when his younger brother, doing all the work, and playing splendidly, pulled the second set out of the fire, he did not shake off his lethargy, but continued to play in a detached and disinterested manner.

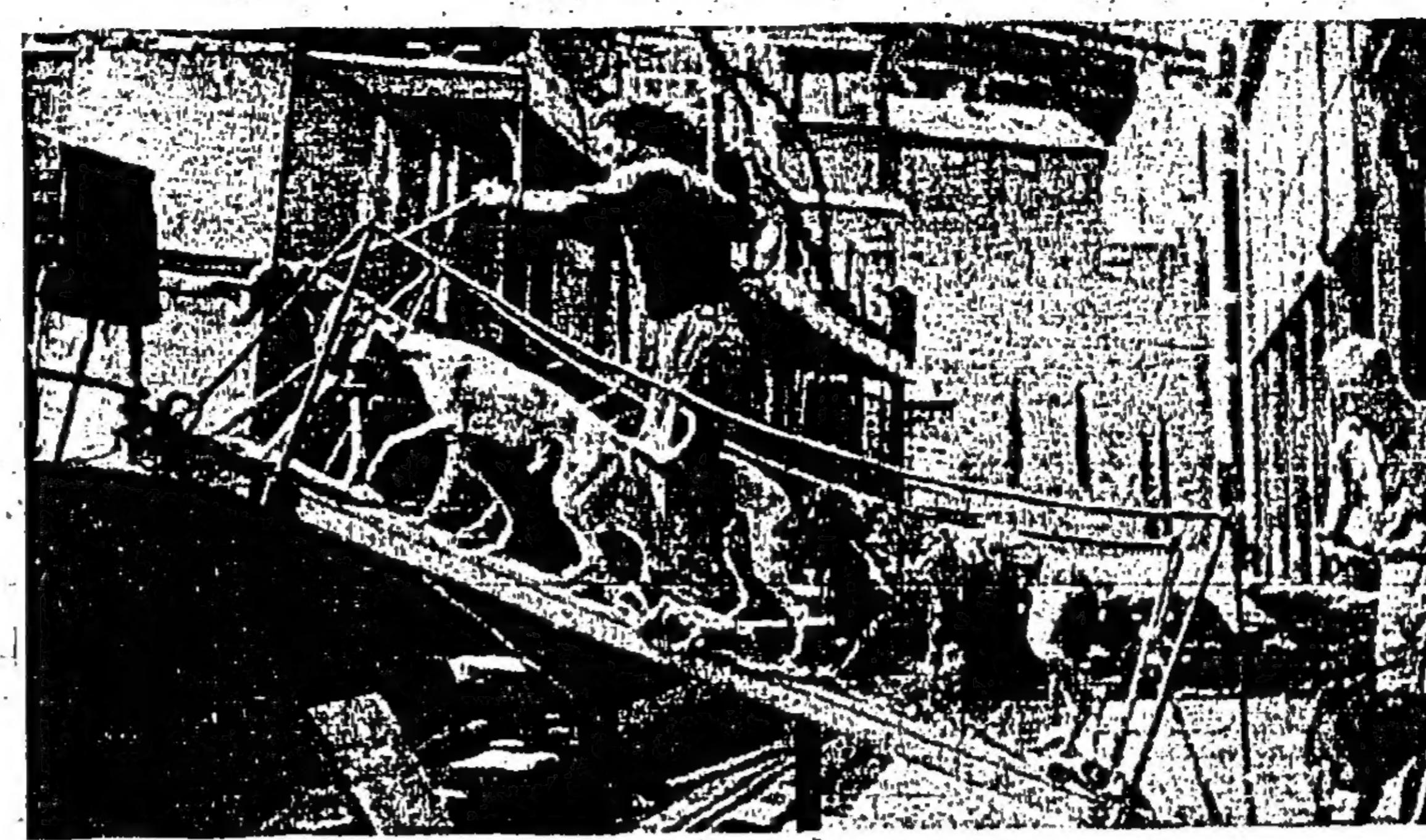
The tennis generally was not particularly thrilling. Except for Tsui Yun-pui and occasionally Paul Kong, the players adopted safety tactics and displayed very little enthusiasm.

Tsui Wai-pui concentrated on lobbing, but he was consistently short and presented the opposition with easy winners. In the early-part-of-the-second-set, Wai-pui came into his own with some clever volley placements, but he was continually nullifying these efforts with bad length lobbing.

**YUN-PIU ATTRACTIVE**

Tsui Yun-pui was the most attractive player on view, the young-

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Some of the 110 racing greyhounds being taken aboard the steamer, Eumeralla, at Sydney, for Shanghai. The sport is popular in China, which provides a good market for Australian-bred dogs.

## HOW MAX SCHMELING BEAT HAMAS

### FAR AND AWAY THE BETTER MAN

London, March 11. Max Schmeling, the German former world's heavy-weight champion, beat Steve Hamas, of America, at Hamburg last night. The bout was stopped by the referee in the ninth round when Hamas was helpless and badly bleeding from the punishment he had received.

Schmeling, who was superior throughout the contest, thus avenged his points defeat by Hamas which he received at Philadelphia last year.

### SEEN 4,000 MILES AWAY.

There were 20,000 spectators in the Hanseatic Hall, which had been specially erected for this fight and for the first time television pictures of the contest were wireless to London, Paris and New York.

By his victory Schmeling thus puts himself in the front line for a fight with Max Baer for the world's title.

And it is not improbable, for all their blunders, they were far and away superior to the brothers in this opening round.

Hamas received £5,000 for last night's fight which was refereed by Mr. Fallon, a Belgian, with an American and a German judge at the ringside.

The fight opened cautiously with some feinting, and Schmeling had the advantage of the opening round by his initiative.

The pace was faster in the second round, when left-hand methods by Hamas were avoided by his rival.

Towards the end Schmeling suddenly landed to the head and staggered Hamas to the ropes. The round was clearly Schmeling's.

In round three Hamas tried a long right swing to the body, but Schmeling avoided the attack and landed a left, followed by two right hooks. Hamas drew back and Schmeling, fighting for a quick decision, landed several blows to the body and head with much effect, Schmeling's round.

He also gained the next round in which he got a right to the chin, while Hamas replied with a left hook to the body.

At times he lay on the ropes almost unconscious, making futile efforts to defend himself, and when the referee stopped the fight Hamas seemed on the point of complete collapse.

Hitler telephoned to Schmeling's pretty actress-wife, Anny Ondra, who was in Munich, to congratulate her on her husband's success.

Hamas were even in a rather tame fifth round, but in the following round Schmeling came quickly out of his corner and, with a swift hook to the head, sent Hamas to the boards. The American was clearly shaken and, although he endeavoured to cover up, he was overwhelmed with a barrage of rights and lefts and was sent down twice more for counts of nine. The coup de grace was about to be given when Hamas was saved by the bell.

From this point the fight was clearly Schmeling's. He drove Hamas round the ring and landed many blows, but Hamas showed extreme resistance and managed to prolong an uneven fight.

### "STOP IT!"

During the last three rounds the whole crowd was shouting for the fight to be stopped.

Schmeling sent Hamas down three times for a count of nine in the sixth round and for five successive rounds seemed on the point of achieving a knock-out.

Hamas staggered round the ring amid a hail of right hooks, right upper-cuts, straight rights and an occasional hard left.

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Three English boxers figured on the programme. Bob Carvill (England) met Adolf Heuser (Germany), who, although giving away nearly two stone in weight, attacked fiercely. Carvill's resistance collapsed in the sixth round when he gave up.

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## CHESTER TAKES LEADERSHIP

### IN 3RD DIVISION

## WEST BROMWICH SURPRISE

London, April 3.

Thanks to their defeat of Rochdale to-day before their own supporters, Chester have gone to the head of the table in the northern section of the third division, and now lead Doncaster and Tranmere by two points. Doncaster, however, have three games in hand of the leaders.

Chester only just scraped through to-day, winning by the one goal scored.

In the first division West Bromwich surprised Aston Villa by

scoring.

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## POLICE STILL IN THE RUNNING

### For Football Honours In First Division

## WIN TWO MORE POINTS

The Police continue to remain contestants for the runners-up honours in the first division of the football league by virtue of their defeat yesterday of St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three.

The game, played on the Kowloon Football Club ground was not productive of a particularly high standard of football, but the Police were not seriously threatened and should have won by a greater margin.

They had many more chances of netting in the first half than the Saints, but poor finishing kept the score down. In the closing stages the losers were on top, but found the Police defence invulnerable.

### BRILLIANT DEFENCE

The Police half backs were somewhat below usual form, but they were so brilliantly covered by Chris Pile and Blackburn that the goal was seldom in jeopardy. The wingers were outstanding in the forward line both Tommy Pile and Moss shining with some smart runs down the field and accurate centring.

The Saints were excellently served by Sousa at right back, and he continually held up the energetic Police forwards single-handed.

Once again the Saints suffered by ineffective halves, only Elms coming up to scratch. The forward line was patchy, with Ward the shining light. Leonard Ward had an off day, and the remainder of the quintette were not clever enough to beat the stoic Police rearguard.

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## BADMINTON

### NATIONAL TITLE CONCEDED

### R. WHITE BEATS NICHOLS

London, March 10.

R. M. White regained the men's singles title at the All-England Badminton Championships at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London, yesterday, when no defender, the holder, R. C. F. Nichols, in the final by 15-10, 15-7. No factor smiting him better than the circumstances than that of White, whose defence, in addition, was so sound that Nichols was definitely out-classed.

After endeavouring to win the women's singles title for over ten years, Mrs. H. S. Uber became the woman champion for the first time by beating in the final a former-holder, Mrs. R. J. Teague, of Devon, by 11-1, 11-6. It was a brilliant victory gained by sterling all-round play, in which the kill, which is almost a lost art in the modern game, played a most important part.

White and D. C. Hume won the men's doubles for the fourth consecutive year by defeating L. Nichols and R. C. F. Nichols, while Mrs. M. Henderson and Miss T. Kingsbury retained the women's doubles title by beating Mrs. Uber and Miss D. Devon. With the loss of the second game, in the final of the mixed doubles, the holders, Hume and Mrs. Uber, beat White and Miss M. Armstrong, and by this victory Mrs. Uber equalised the fine record of Miss H. Hogarth, who won this event six times.

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**Veterans' Doubles Championship**

Final: P. W. Wooster and A. Solomon (rec. 2) (holders) beat G. P. Harrington and E. G. Costello (scratch), 15-11, 15-6.

**Women's Doubles Championship**

Final: Mrs. M. Henderson and Miss T. Kingsbury (holders) beat Mrs. H. S. Uber and Miss D. Devon, 15-6, 9-15, 15-8.

**Men's Doubles Championship**

Final: D. C. Hume and R. M. White (holders) beat L. Nichols and R. C. F. Nichols, 15-12, 15-13.

**Mixed Doubles Championship**

Final: D. C. Hume and Mrs. H. S. Uber (holders) beat R. M. White and Miss M. Armstrong, 15-3, 15-1.

Playing in the Snooker League on Tuesday night the Garrison Servants' Mess beat St. Patrick's Club by five matches to nil.

The Royal Engineers' Sergeants' Mess played the Dockyard Police and won by the odd game in five; while the Prison Officers' Mess won by a similar margin against the Catholic Union.



Heads To It in this incident during the Police v. St. Joseph's football match played yesterday, showing the Police defence repelling a fierce attack. (Photo: Mrs. Cheung.)

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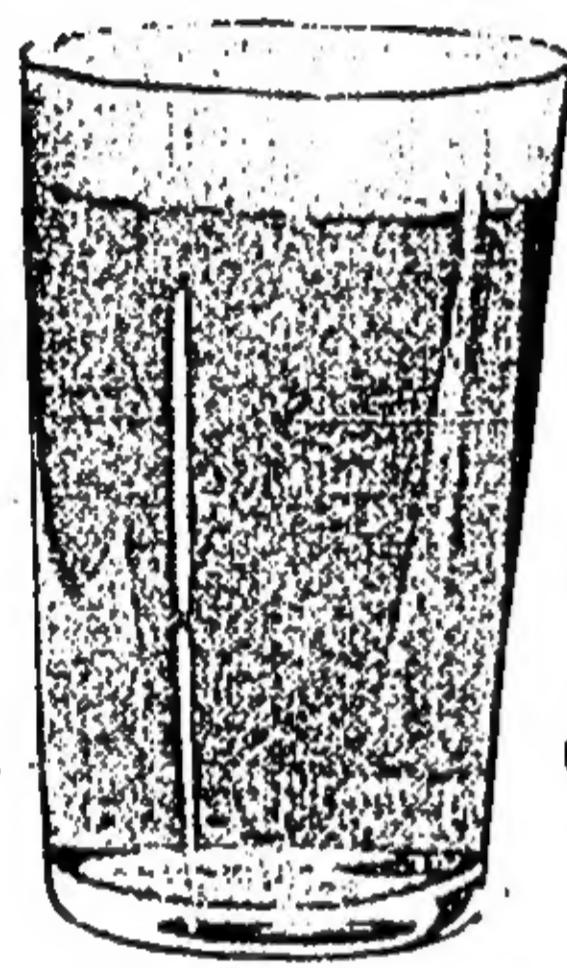
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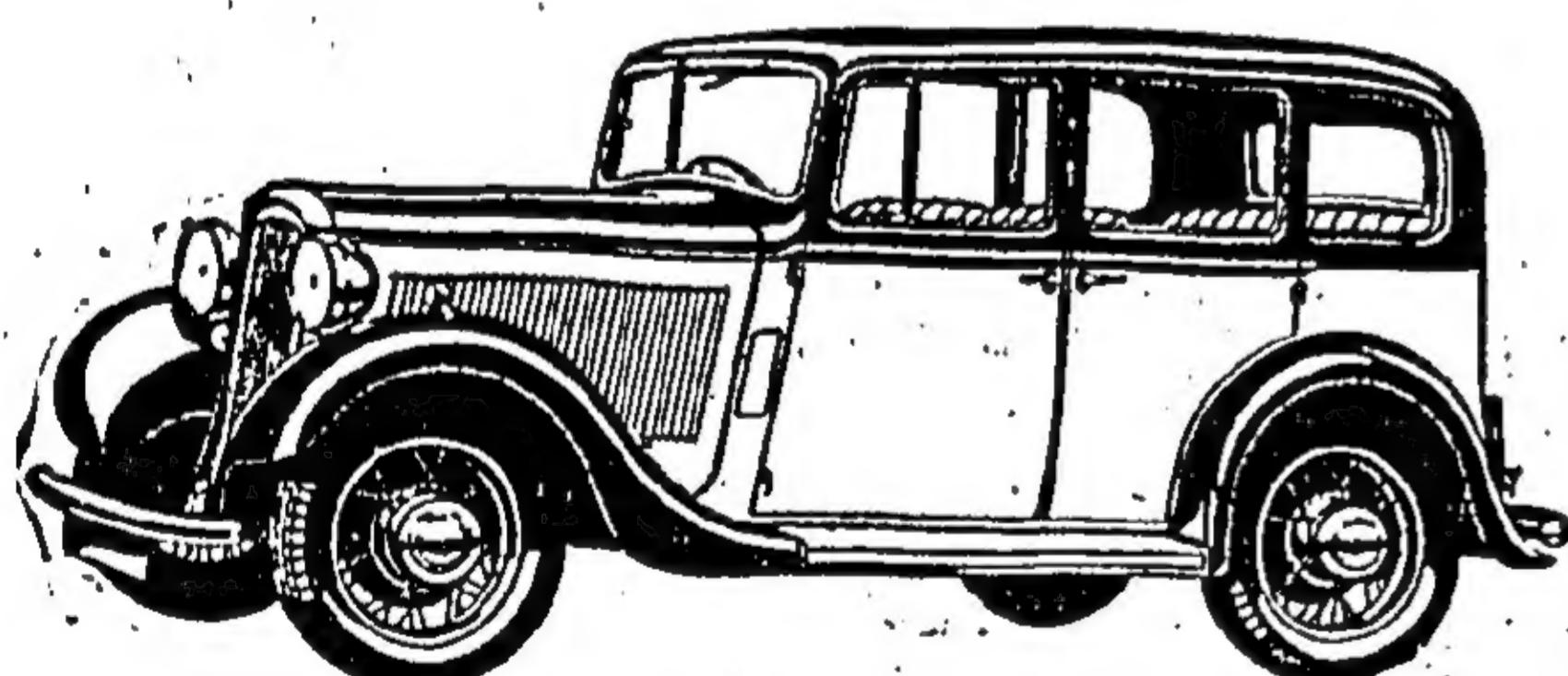
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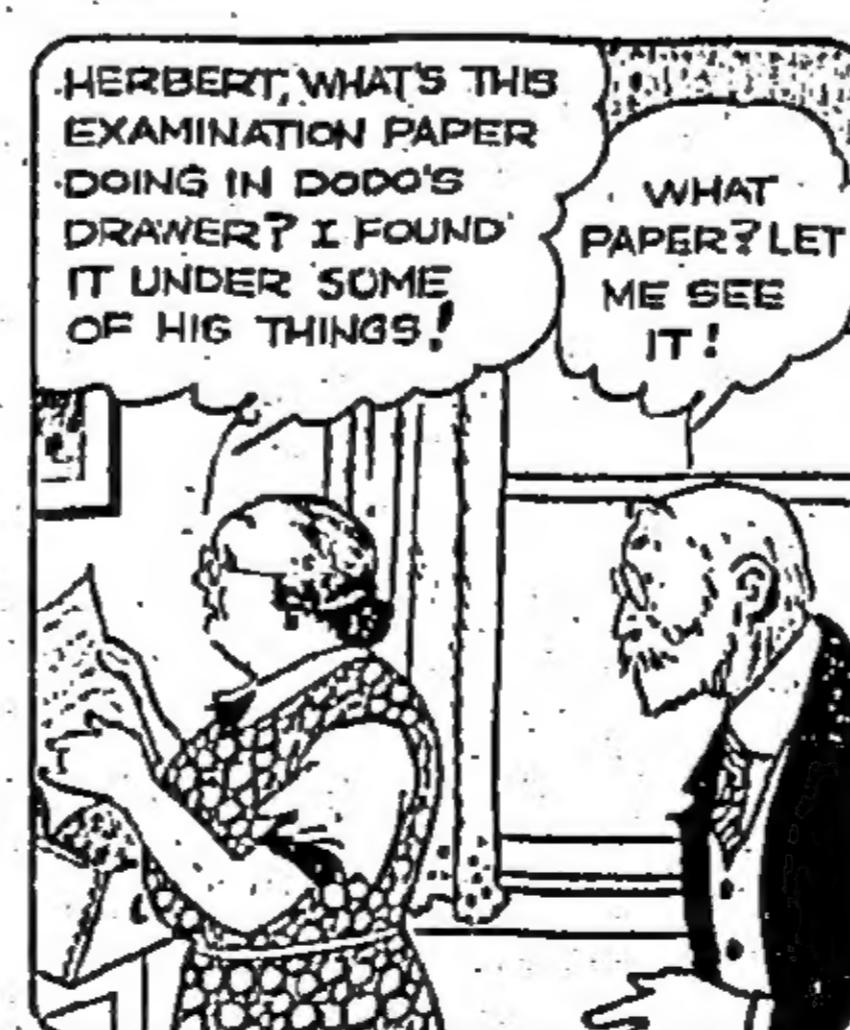
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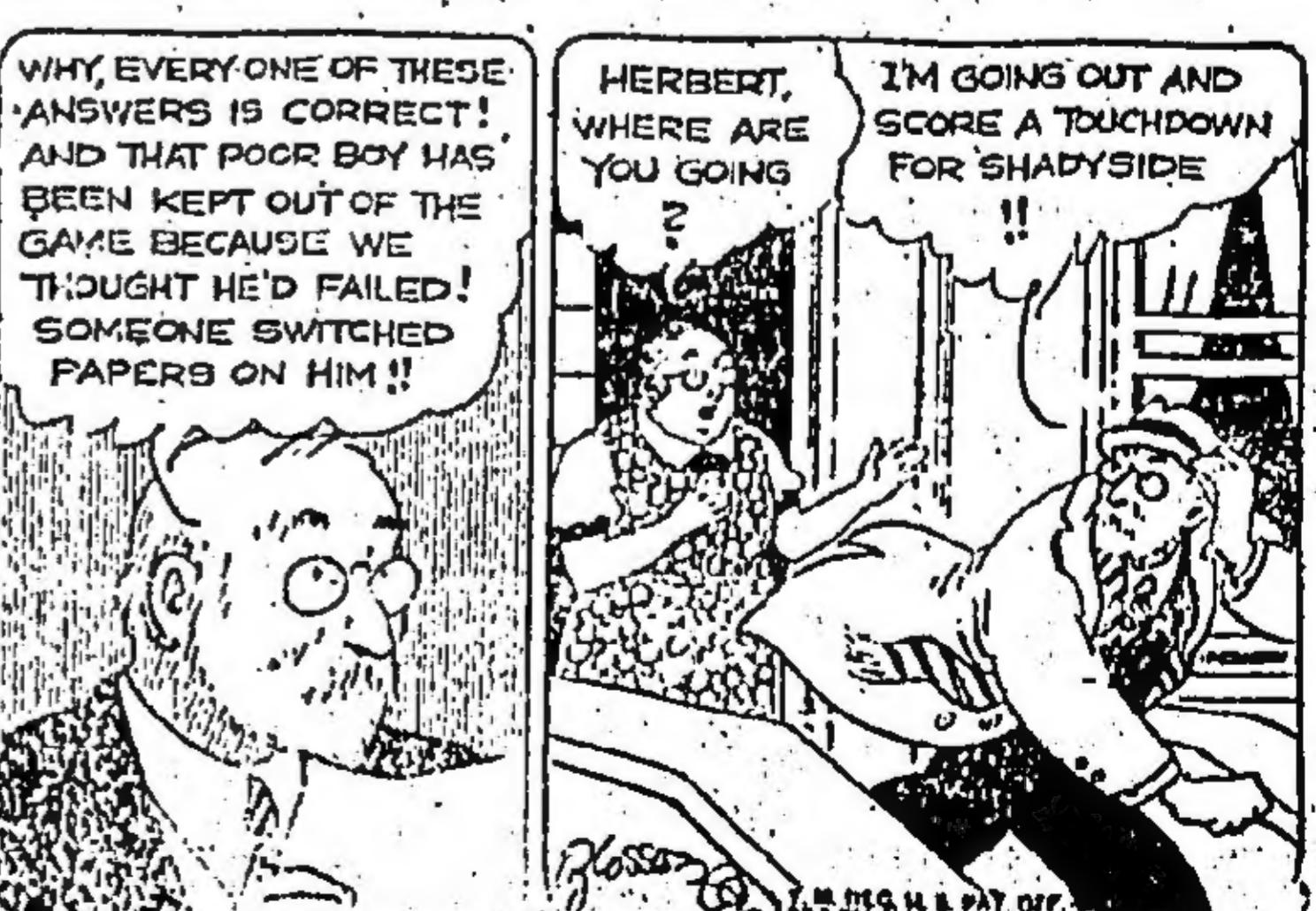
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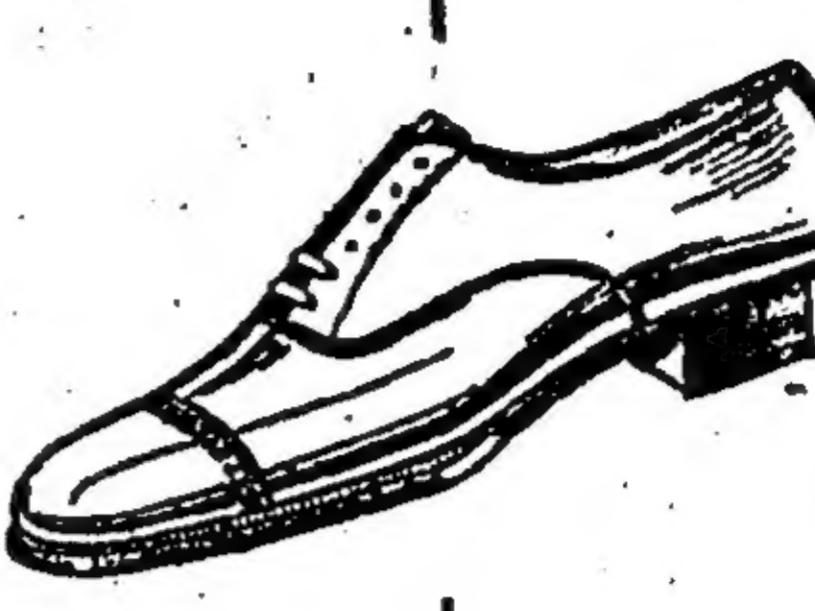


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SERIAL STORY

# SILKEN SPINDLES

by Laura Lee Brookman

CHAPTER XXXIII

The amazing fact to Gale was that everything went on next day just as it had. The sun shone brightly. Birds were singing as she walked to work—sharp, shrill notes that were a mockery. Two girls, standing beside Gale in the cloak room, laughed and joked as they hung away their coats and hats.

It was all just as it had been the day before.

And yet, how could it be? How could there be laughter and gaiety in the world? How could anything be the same when for Gale there was only blankness and emptiness everywhere? Standing before the pound of machines, starting at the blur of moving hands and jerking bobbins, Gale saw Vicki Thatcher again, drawing her beautiful fur coat around her. She heard Vicki, saying in low-pitched even tones, "It's supposed to be a secret but . . . Brian and I are going to be married. In June sometime. I think June weddings are the neatest, don't you?"

Yes, it was true—not a nightmare, not a hideous, fantastic creation of imagination that could be brushed aside and forgotten. Vicki had sat in the Hendersons' shabby living room and said those words. She and Brian were going to be married.

Something tight clutched about Gale's heart, making her cold all over. She thought, "It's going to be like this from now on. It will always be like this—"

Once during that terrible, endless night Gale had pressed her hands together and buried her face in the pillow, sobbing in a muffled, smothered voice, "I can't go on! I can't!" But she knew that she could. People did, somehow. People all over the world who were suffering and broken-hearted, for whom brief visions of happiness had suddenly shattered, managed to piece together their broken lives once more.

Gale thought, "It's better to know it now. I ought to be glad it happened this way."

She should have been, and yet the thought failed to comfort her.

She had rehearsed the same arguments the night before. Lying, wide-eyed, in the darkness, she had pictured again the scene with Vicki.

She had gone over all that Brian had said. Sun-dappled fragments of sentences that had seemed so precious then. Why had he said them? Why had he said, "I love you, Gale. I think I've loved you since the first time I saw you."

Why? Because Steve had been right about Brian, and she had been wrong. Because she was a mill girl and Brian found it amusing to pretend he cared for her. Silly him to suppose it had been more than that for one moment.

Brian hadn't said, "I love you, Gale, and want to marry you." Not to her. He'd said that to Vicki Thatcher who belonged to his own world, whom everyone expected him to marry.

Well, she had learned. She felt

humiliated, humiliated. And there was more to it than that. She had really cared for Brian Westmore—or for the man who had that Brian Westmore to be. She had dreamed—

Her hands, moving up and down mechanically, became a gray blur again. Oh, but she must get hold of herself! Flaher, the foreman, would be around any moment. She had to stop thinking about last night, had to keep her mind on her work!

Coming home that evening she heard a call from across the street and halted as the smallest of the O'Connors came flying toward her. He wore a coat several sizes too large. His sleeves dangling almost to the ground. His knitted cap was jammed over his forehead, but he threw his head far back, staring up at her with blue, appraising eyes.

The smallest O'Connor grasped at Gale's coat with bare, grimy hands and said impatiently, "They—when I heard you comin' back!"

"What's he who is coming back?"

"You know! The man who docth' thivin'!"

"Oh!" The chilly hand clutched Gale's heart again. It was a moment before she found her voice. Then she said, "I don't know, Tommy. I—I don't know when he's coming back."

"But I want to see him! Look—he thaid it with like thith!"

The grimy fingers dug into a half-ton pocket, producing a cork from a bottle.

"He thaid—" The youngster began attempting to demonstrate the puzzle, but Gale put a hand on his shoulder.

"I'm sorry, honey," she said, "but I've got to go in the house now. I've got to get supper. Some other time you can show me how the trick goes."

But the youngster was adamant. "No," he said, "I d |t that man I want to thee. You tell him—"

Gale sought escape. "Maybe Phil knows how to do it," she said. "He'll be coming any minute now."

The child shook his head. "It d |t that man I want to thee," he repeated.

From the rear of the O'Connors' house a shrill voice called, "Tommy! Oh, Tom-mee!"

"That's your Mother," Gale said. "You mustn't keep her waiting."

The shrill cry was repeated. Tommy looked up at Gale sorrowfully.

"All right, he said. "I'll go, but I'm comin' back!" I want to see that man."

Gale hurried up the walk and into the house.

It was Brian whom Tommy wanted to see—Brian with his tricks to amuse youngsters; his gay, flattering speeches that were tricks too.

She opened the door and called a greeting to her father, then went into the kitchen and methodically began preparing the evening meal.

After they had finished eating, after the dishes had been washed and

put away Josie Gridley came.

Josie brought the brown dress Gale had promised to help make over.

It was mentioned in a newspaper with a strip of plaid silk and a picture from a fashion magazine.

"Look!" Josie said, holding the strip of plaid up to her face. "Don't you think it's kind of pretty?"

"Very pretty," Gale nodded.

She had forgotten that she had promised to help Josie.

She said, looking at the fashion picture, "Oh, yes—this is the one we decided on, isn't it?"

She got out newspapers and cut a collar pattern, fitting it about Josie's shoulders.

She pinned the paper collar into place and Josie considered herself in the mirror and seemed pleased.

She said, "Gee, Gale, it must be swell to be able to sew like you can. I tried to make a dress once and you should have seen it! Was I a sight?"

Gale was cutting the silk, careful

to keep the edges even. "It just takes practice," she said. "It isn't hard after you've had a little practice."

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## CHILDREN AIDED

## REPORT TO THE HONGKONG PROTECTION SOCIETY

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Children it was reported that 108 new cases had been dealt with during the month of February, these involving the welfare of 173 children. In the families concerned, the average income per head per month was \$2.10.

During the same month, the Society's three Inspectors had paid 367 visits to homes, and altogether 1,766 persons concerned in cases had called at the Society's branch offices.

The financial report for February showed expenditure of \$2,286.48 and receipts totalling \$6,250. The excess of receipts over expenditure was largely accounted for by the Government's contribution of \$6,000, which the Society was obliged to ask for early in order to avoid cashing of interest-bearing deposits.

It was also reported at the meeting that since the beginning of March, \$1,200 had been received from the Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, and also \$250 which had been allotted to the Society by Lady Peel out of the proceeds of the Military Tattoo.

The Executive Committee welcomed Mrs. Hospes, the new Hon. Treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary, and appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Middleton Smith during her tenure of office as Chairman of the Auxiliary was expressed. It was decided to invite Mrs. A. D. A. MacGregor to join the Executive Committee; and it was noticed that the Women's Auxiliary had nominated Mrs. Hospes and Mrs. Y. K. Chow for membership of the Permanent Finance Committee.

The Hon. Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Hicks, reported that Dr. Helen Cannavale, specialist in children's diseases, had offered to give her services free to any of the Society's branches. This offer was gratefully accepted, it being pointed out that Dr. Cannavale's services would be particularly valuable to the Western District branch, there being no infant welfare in that district.

Numerous cases were dealt with by the Executive Committee, all receiving the closest scrutiny, and

## HONGKONG SINGERS

## AMBITION PROGRAMME ARRANGED

At the conclusion of the rehearsal on Tuesday evening, the Hongkong Singers to the number of 45 had their first business meeting with the object of putting the organization on to a more regular basis. The following elections were made:

Chairman, Mr. A. S. King; Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Blach (Tel. 69480); Committee, Miss Lock, Mr. D. I. Luard; Conductor, Mr. Anderson Miller; Accompanist, Miss Valerie Morris.

Mrs. B. Kirke expressed her willingness to assist in the secretarial duties, and the Rev. H. W. Baines, whilst regretting his inability to serve on the Committee, promised a continuance of the useful assistance he has already rendered to the Singers.

After some discussion it was agreed that rehearsals for the next two months should be held on Thursday evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp, the Conductor undertaking that they should not go on after 7 p.m. There was, rather surprisingly, quite an emphatic demand for rehearsals to continue during the summer months preferably after dinner, and the Committee were instructed to give this matter further consideration.

## Work for Choirs

The Chairman explained that with addition of some ten new members who had, since the "Elijah" performance, expressed their desire to join the Singers, the full choir would now number 80, but that it was proposed to take

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It was intimated that Mr. P. E. Barker had kindly agreed to act as General Secretary of the Society.

## Sir Wm. Peel Fund

The Society for the Protection of Children acknowledges the following additional donations to the Sir William Peel Fund:

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up works, madrigals etc. for a smaller selected choir of about 20.

It was also hoped that the Singers might on occasion undertake a varied programme consisting of mixed and/or male voice quartettes, solos, part songs etc.

There was quite a spirited discussion as to the programme for the coming autumn and winter, it being finally decided to undertake for Armistice Day (or All Souls' Day) Brahms' "Requiem" or Elgar's "For the Fallen", and to render "The Messiah", with orchestra during December. It was provisionally decided that the "St. Matthew Passion" (Bach) should be given in the Cathedral during Holy Week 1936.

For the next few weeks the Singers will be rehearsing Parry's "Hallelujah! Day (or All Souls' Day)"

"Jesu, Priceless Treasure", and in addition one or two motets. The next rehearsal will be on Thursday April 11, in the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road. There will not be a rehearsal on April 18, which falls in Holy Week.

Singers to whom the above programme appeals and who would like to join the choir should communicate with Mr. J. Anderson Miller, 92B Nathan Road, Kowloon (Telephone 50283). It is a condition of partaking in any concert that a member shall have attended 75% of the rehearsals, and at least three out of the last four before the concert.

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## ASIAN POWERS DRIFT AWAY FROM LEAGUE

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London, April 3.  
During a protracted debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel, former Cabinet Minister, proposed that Great Britain should accept the role of mediator in any disputes which should in the future arise between Japan and China.

Baron Newton, prominent Conservative Peer, argued that the League of Nations, which had seriously blundered in the matter of Far Eastern problems previously, should keep "hands off" the affairs of the Asiatic powers.

The Duke of Atholl, famous old soldier, deprecated the often-heard theory that Japan was making an effort to absorb China.

"She has trouble enough without trying to conquer China," the Duke of Atholl declared, "with Russia waiting and watching."

Lord Stanhope, winding up the debate, said the British Government had already offered its friendly services to both countries.—United Press.

### NEW SITUATION

London, April 3.  
During the debate in the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Peel declared that a new situation had arisen in the Far East within the past few months. He drew attention to the fact that Japan had left the League of Nations and that China had ceased to be a member of the Council, and he suggested that there was some weakening of the ties between the Far-East-and-Europe.

He emphasised that he wished to deprecate any idea of hostility towards Japan. Enough harm had already been done by ill-considered denunciation of that country. Britain had had a long and intimate association with Far Eastern affairs and had a right, and even a duty, to examine the situation closely and offer advice to both parties, as a friend, with a full knowledge of the situation.

Viscount Peel quoted statements of the Japanese Foreign Minister as lending colour to the fear entertained in China and elsewhere that Japan wanted to obtain control of China. The situation, he said, was full of suspicion which was being increased rather than lulled. The question was: what are the aims of Japan? Apparently she wished to have the final word in any projects planned by Western powers in China.

"We must recognise Japan's need for expansion and her desire for further markets and raw materials which is growing daily," Viscount Peel advised.

### DISCUSSES REMEDIES

Discussing remedies for the difficulties in Asia, Viscount Peel said the obvious course was to call a meeting of the signatories of the Nine Power Treaty, but this might be unduly alarming and offend Japan, thus worsening the situation.

The proper method of approach, he thought, was for Britain to offer her services as a mediator, in the friendliest way, but on the understanding that she desired to know what was going on and have a hand in the affair, with the only desire that peace and confidence might be further established.

This, he continued, was a good year to offer those services, because it might be called the China year. "The Lady Precious Stream," picturesque Chinese drama which had been showing in London with such success, the exhibition of Chinese art at Burlington House, and the four hundred Chinese students visiting Britain, were things which brought the two people nearer together, and those students, particularly, would take back to China an impression of Britain's friendliness and sympathy.

"We should attempt to bring about a reconciliation between China and Britain." (Continued on Page 11.)

## GERMAN CONTROL OF ARMS

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#### INQUIRY AFOOT

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Stockholm, April 3.  
The striking revelation that a considerable part of the Swedish armament industry was under foreign, and particularly German control, was made in a report of the Commission examining the question of armament manufacture.

Part of this report was read in Parliament by the Foreign Minister, M. Sandler.

A very essential part of the capital of the Bofors and Bofors Nobelkrut Companies was owned by Krupp, while the Flying Industry Company at Limmhamn was a subsidiary of the German Junker works.

Two-thirds of the capital of the Landsverk Company of Landskrona was owned by Germany, it was also revealed.—Reuter Special.

#### NO DEBATE

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, April 3.  
Asked at question time in the House of Commons to-day whether Herr Hitler had given to the British representatives, at the Berlin, parley any indication as to the strength and size of the German Air Force, Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, replied in the affirmative.

In the course of their conversations, he said, Chancellor Hitler had stated in general terms that Germany had reached parity with Great Britain in the air.

At the close of question time, Mr. Winston Churchill asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Sir John Simon's answer he would provide an opportunity for a debate upon these "urgent and serious matters."

The Prime Minister replied that the state of Parliament's business was so pressing at the moment that the Government was unable to set aside any special day for this discussion. Opportunities would occur for raising the question on the motion for adjournment, he said.—Reuter Special.

#### FORCED TO BUILD

London, April 3.  
The Foreign Secretary, in reply to a Commons question, said that in the course of the Berlin conversations, the German Chancellor stated in general terms that Germany had reached parity with Britain in the air.

At a later stage in the session, Mr. Winston Churchill asked whether, in view of this answer an opportunity to debate this important question would be provided.

The Prime Minister said that for the moment he could not set aside any special day for such a debate. Opportunities would occur later on in raising the subject on the adjournment.

#### BRITISH EXPANSION

The Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, at a League of Nations Union meeting on air armaments this evening, said various attempts to attain an international agreement on problems of both civil and military aviation had failed. It was in these circumstances that the Government's decision, now in process of fulfilment, was made to increase the Royal Air Force by 41 squadrons.

The Government's policy remained one of international disarmament, and they had by no means abandoned hope of reaching some limitation, but it was unfortunately impossible to count on early results. Other nations were arming, and they must deal with Europe as it was.

The expansion by 41 squadrons was the first step towards making any "bad feeling" in Japan on account of the manoeuvres.

## SEEKS TO PLACATE JAPANESE

### GOOD-WILL VISIT TO YOKOHAMA

### U.S. NAVY'S PLANS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, April 3.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Claude Swanson, to-day announced that Rear-Admiral F. B. Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, would visit Yokohama aboard the U.S.S. Augusta on a good-will mission on May 3, which was the date of the opening of the United States combined fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific.

Such a visit was expected to dispel fears that the manoeuvres were unfriendly to Japan.

Mr. Swanson said a squadron of United States destroyers of the Asiatic Fleet would later visit Kobe.

The Navy Department, said the Secretary, had received many letters complaining that the American manoeuvres appeared to be a menace to Japan, and Mr. Swanson would reply to these, saying: "There are no grounds whatever for this belief, since the manoeuvres will not be within 2,000 miles of Japan."—United Press.

### NAVAL CONFERENCE

Washington, April 3.

Admiral Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet, would pay a good-will visit to Yokohama on the opening day of the American Pacific manoeuvres, said Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy to-day, with the object of dispelling any "bad feeling" in Japan on account of the manoeuvres.

Speaking as an individual, Mr. Swanson advocated the inclusion of Germany in the coming Naval Conference.

He had not received any proposal from Germany in this matter, he explained. He believed the proposed German Navy, of 450,000 tons, would not affect the five-five-three ratio of strength as non-provocative.—British Wireless.

"We should attempt to bring about a reconciliation between China and Britain." (Continued on Page 11.)

## AUSTRIAN ARMY'S INCREASE

### CABINET SEEKING PERMISSION

#### CABINET UNITED?

Vienna, April 3.  
Austria has decided to ask the Great Powers for permission to re-introduce conscription, says a statement issued before the Cabinet meeting to-night.

According to a well-informed political authority it is intended at present that the Austrian Army should be increased to 60,000 men by the method of selective conscription, in which members of the auxiliary forces will be given preference.

A communiqué says: "The Cabinet, presided over by Chancellor Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, dealt with the question of the enlargement of the Austrian Army and is unanimously of the opinion that the granting to Austria of full equality was a self-evident supposition.

"The necessary preparatory steps have been taken."

It is considered remarkable that Prince von Starhemberg, leader of the Heimwehr, and Vice-Chancellor, was not present at the meeting of the Cabinet.—Reuter.

#### FOLLOWS GERMANY

Vienna, April 3.  
Austria has issued a communiqué stating that the Government is prepared to follow Germany's example in rearming.

The communiqué stated that "the necessary preparatory measures have already been taken."—United Press.

#### SEVERAL DOG-BITE CASES

Berlin, April 3.  
Leading Nazis, including General Goering, Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, and others, are actively participating in the election campaign in Danzig where polling takes place on April 4 (to-morrow) for the new Diet, in which the Nazis hope to secure a two-third majority.

If they are successful in this endeavour they will petition the League of Nations for permission to change the constitution of Danzig.

Herr Buergel, Herr Hitler's Special Commissioner for the Saar, in a fiery speech at Danzig this evening vigorously attacked the opposing Catholic and Social Democratic parties.

He praised conscription in Germany as a measure to defend the peace of Europe.

"On January 13 we proclaimed on the Western frontier in the Saar that Germany holds to its honour, to peace and to its only liberator, Adolf Hitler. Now it is your turn on the Eastern frontier." Herr Buergel concluded.—Reuter.

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#### PRO-MONARCHIST CELEBRATIONS

London, April 3.  
A division in the House of Commons to-night resulted in a vote of 137 to none.

Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, First Commissioner of Works, proposed an estimate of £50,000 in respect of expenses connected with the King's Jubilee Celebration.

The motion was opposed by Mr. Maxton, Socialist, who contended that the celebration was pro-monarchist propaganda.

Mr. Maxton was supported only by the Scottish Socialist, Mr. Buchanan. They challenged a division, but as they "acted" as tellers no body voted against the motion.

The vote was officially recorded as 187 to none.—Reuter.

"The Ministers both emphasized the extremely welcome nature of (Continued on Page 11.)

## FRANCE MAKING NEW ALLIES

### STILL HOPING FOR EASTERN PACT

## POLAND FEARS GERMAN RESENTMENT

(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received, April 4, 11.30 a.m.)

Paris, April 3.

It is learned in reliable sources that France now plans to modify the proposal for an Eastern European Security Pact, so as to make it acceptable at least to Poland, if not to Germany.

Simultaneously, the Government intends to proceed with plans for further military alliances in view of the German re-armament.

It is indicated that Russia and Czecho-Slovakia will be allied to France.

France, too, may propose a modified draft treaty for an Eastern European Pact when the Powers meet at Stresa. It is suggested that the French proposal will be designed to bring the Eastern European nations more directly within the League of Nations sphere, rather than arrange a purely military combination.

Meanwhile, France's Senate has passed a Bill under which the Air Force at the end of 1936 will be as strong as any which Germany can possibly achieve.—United Press.

Warsaw, April 3.  
Mr. Anthony Eden, and his party left here to-day at 5.15 o'clock, and were given a send-off at the station by Colonel Beck and other Government officers.

The British Minister arrives in Prague at 8 o'clock, when he will be met by Dr. Benes, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister.

Enquiries in well-informed circles give the impression that Mr. Eden's visit to Warsaw was definitely a success and certainly has not been without result, even on the thorny question of an Eastern Pact in which position Poland has made clear her difficulties.

Experts associated with Mr. Eden are definitely in favour of Britain bearing a share of the responsibility for the maintenance of peace in Europe.—Reuter.

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It is stated that the Warsaw conversations were not conclusive, and that Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, indicated that the Government was unwilling to jeopardise its relations with Germany.

Colonel Beck intimated that Poland was ready to join in any non-aggression treaties or consultative pacts, but he reaffirmed the refusal

LETTERS  
FROM  
EVE

"How did you get on at Fanling yesterday, dear? When you drove off I thought you looked like a record round, but, of course, one never can tell. We were awfully late in getting away, and I always think that hanging about puts one off one's game. Fancy seeing Mrs. Phenacitin playing golf. What on earth next, because she is the last person in the world to take a spot of exercise. She never walks a yard without grumbling. I thought she looked quite smart, although it really is a pity that she will do her hair in that abominable way. Bungho's liver hasn't improved a little bit, and his game yesterday really was atrocious—he simply blamed everything for it, even said that I put him off his game. I know what it was. The boy put out the wrong pair of shoes and they nearly pinched him to death, although he wouldn't admit that that was the reason. That is one thing I've learnt. Always wear Gordon's shoes, they're never wrong and all just too delightfully comfy for words—but then, you do don't you dear.

## FILMLAND NEWS

**Stardom Doesn't Always Go To Youth**

## SOME EXAMPLES

The writer, who coined the phrase, "Life Begins at Forty," exposed rather thoroughly the old legend that the choicest rewards go to youth. Particularly has it been a fetish in motion pictures that only the fresh cheeks and dimples of the twenties are attractive, that gathering years mean disaster to an actor or actress. Study of film statistics, however, proves that many of the "greats" of the industry were either failures until they passed forty, or at the best, hadn't had more than a very slow start.

Wallace Beery played in "Min and Bill" the latter part of 1930, his fortieth year. It made him a star. Previously he had many ups and downs. By 1930 there were many who predicted his complete extinction. He expects to celebrate his forty-sixth birthday, April 1st, and is rated in exhibitor polls as one of the leading box-office names in film-dom.

When Lionel Barrymore reached forty he was not at all satisfied with his career. He had had some unfortunate experiences, and was sorry that he had given up his other profession, illustration, for acting. He was forty when he made his sensational hit in "The Copperhead," the impetus of which carried him to his present stardom.

George Arliss was not made a stage star until he was forty years old. Previous to that time he had grown so discouraged that on several occasions he contemplated leaving the profession. At sixty-seven, he is one of the foremost actors on the screen.

May Robson, fifty years on the stage, never really got started on her amazing upward rise until she was forty. She was at what is mistakenly felt as the "downhill" point of middle age, when she shot upwards like a comet as the star of "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," one of the most successful plays ever presented by a star anywhere in the world.

Lewis Stone was only a reasonably successful touring company leading man when about forty. But along came two shows which had their try-out in California, "The Bird of Paradise" and "The Dollar Mark." They brought Stone to Broadway stardom, and back to Hollywood as a film player.

Jimmy Durante was almost forgotten when he first popped out of obscurity. Now he rates as an excellent film comedian.

And the field of acting affords many more examples.

"It would seem that Thomas Edison was right," said Wallace Beery recently, "when he commented to a friend that neither a man nor woman had enough sense to be allowed around without a keeper until past the age of forty-five!"

## "ANNA KARENINA"

The glamour of St. Petersburg in the colourful days of the Russian Empire will be brought to the screen by a man who was there amid its last days and tempestuous overthrow, who often was on guard in the palace of the Czar, and who in recent years has been Hollywood's mentor on things Russian. He is Alexis Davidoff, former captain of Artillery in the Russian Imperial Army, and he has been engaged to serve as technical adviser for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Anna Karenina," co-starring, vehicle for Greta Garbo and Freddie March. Clarence Brown will direct the film version of Tolstoy's novel under David O. Selznick's production supervision. The cast includes Basil Rathbone, Freddie Bartholomew, Maureen O'Sullivan and Reginald Denny.

## DIGGES WINS CONTRACT

When Dudley Digges, after serving seven years as stage manager for that grand old man

## EVENING VOGUE

**Set Of Cap And Shoulder Straps To Match**

## IN MONKEY FUR



An amusing evening vogue of the moment in the "set" of cap and shoulder straps to match, the one sketched being in black monkey fur.

## SPA WATER AT STREATHAM

London, Mar. 2. SPA water in sealed quart bottles delivered to the door just as milk is delivered at 2d a time! Yes, that's what is happening at Streatham these days. A fine tribute it is to the water from the old well in Valley-road, Streatham, believed to be the only remaining one in London. Hospitals as well as householders have supplies of the water delivered to them. An enquirer was told: "There are many people who, instead of going abroad to take a cure, are drinking water from the old Streatham well. "It is almost certain that this is the only spa well London has. All the others have been lost in drainage schemes. "The old pumping room, where the well became famous in 1659, when some men who were ploughing a field found the spring by accident." It is said that so far back as 1717 there was a brisk trade in Streatham spa water.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1935, to Wednesday, the 1st May, 1935, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. C. T. BECK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1935.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 16th April, 1935, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1934.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 11th day of April, to Wednesday, the 17th April, 1935, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1935.

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We take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. T. SAPHIRE as Manager for Hongkong and South China.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1935, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land near Tai Lam Chung in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT**

No. of Sale	Barony	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Dimensions	Per Price
1	Tuen Wan Inland Lot No. 22.	Adjacent Land near Tai Lam Chung.	As per sale plan	sq. ft.	£ per sq. ft.
				sq. ft.	£ per sq. ft.
				sq. ft.	£ per sq. ft.
				sq. ft.	£ per sq. ft.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Stanley.

The Summer Term will begin on Thursday, April 11th, when New Students, whether Boarders or Day-boys, should attend for examination at 9 a.m. Prospects may be obtained from Mr. Li Hol Tung, Messrs. Banker & Co., Bank of China Building, or The Warden, St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

**CLUB DE RECREIO.**

7th Annual Athletic Meeting Sunday, 28th April, 1935.

OPEN RELAY RACE, Teams of 4 (2 of 220 yards and 2 of 440 yards). Race to be run at 4.00 p.m. Post-entries from teams will be accepted.

FRED A. XAVIER, Hon. Secretary.

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The Fifty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Thursday, 18th April, 1935, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th April to the 1st May inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1935.

KING'S SILVER JUBILEE

**Dollar Collection**

The Silver Jubilee Dollar Collection, to be devoted to local charities, which His Majesty the King will be asked to nominate, has now commenced and will continue until May 1.

Firms or Clubs which have not yet secured collecting boxes or subscription lists are asked to communicate with the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, China Building; Mr. A. Morris, 6 Ning Yung Terrace; or Mr. S. F. Balfour, Colonial Secretariat, who will arrange for collecting boxes or lists to be forwarded.

Members of the Indian community who have any difficulty in subscribing should communicate with Mr. J. H. Rutledge, 7 Duddell Street; and members of the Portuguese community with Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Junior Prince's Building.

Lady Southorn, O.B.E., Mrs. Kotewall, and Mrs. Braga will also receive applications for boxes or lists.

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**LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE****LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS**

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuter.

Apr. 2, Apr. 3.

British Government Securities

War Loan 3½% due after 1932 £106½ £106¾

Chinese Bonds

4½% Bond 1898 £100 £100

Eng. Inv. £100 £99 £99

5% Loan 1912 £85½ £85½

Reorg. Loan

1913 (Ldn. Inv.) £89½ £89½

5% Bonds 1925-47 £90½ £90½

5% Shai-Nanking

Rly. £81½ £81½

5% Tientsin

Rly. £32 £32

5% Tientsin

Rly. £17½ £17½

Railway (Supl.)

Loan £20½ £20½

5% Shai-ki-chow

Ningpo Rly. £100½ £100½

5% Tientsin Rly. £30 £30

5% Hukouku Rly.

£44 £44

5% Lung Tsing U.

Hai Rly. £17½ £17½

Foreign Bond and Banks

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Loan 1924 £65½ £60½

Japan 5% Sterling

Loan 1907 £70½ £73

Japan 5% Sterling

Loan 1924 £90½ £91½

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Canadian Celanese

70/3 70/3

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49/3 49/3

Courtaline 90/- 90/-

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Dunlop Rubber

47/0 47/1

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132/0 133/0

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# HONGKONG CELEBRATION OF SILVER JUBILEE

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### May 6—Morning

10 a.m.—Official Service in St. John's Cathedral.  
11 a.m.—Public meeting in the Headquarters of the Hongkong Volunteers Defence Corps, attended by His Excellency the Governor, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Judges, Local Justices of the Peace, Heads of Departments and the Jubilee Committee, and their ladies, at which a loyal address and a telegram of congratulation to His Majesty the King will be read and approved.  
Noon.—Royal Salute by the Navy and the Garrison.

### May 6—Afternoon

4 p.m.—Garden Party at Government House.  
Noon to 6 p.m.—Chinese procession in the town.

### May 6—Evening

8 p.m.—"Lighting up time"—The illuminations of the Colony will be switched on instantaneously.  
Military Bands will play in Hongkong and Kowloon.  
9.30 p.m.—Searchlight and rocket display by the Navy.  
Night-flying display by the Air Force.  
Fireworks and "artificial fountain" displays in the harbour.

### Tuesday, May 7

9.45 to 11 a.m.—Review at Happy Valley. Special space reserved for school-children.  
Noon to 6 p.m.—Chinese procession.  
8 p.m.—General illumination. Military Bands, Chinese lantern procession, which will pass Government House at 9.15 p.m.

9.30 p.m.—Repetition of the searchlight and Night Flying displays.

### Wednesday, May 8

Noon to 6 p.m.—Chinese procession.  
4 to 6 p.m.—Jamborily at Happy Valley—including a March Past, displays of Bridge Building, Ambulance and other Scout and Guide activities. Country Dancing and exhibitions of handicraft work. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel will be present.

### Sunday, May 12

Morning Services in all churches and places of worship.

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### REPORT TO THE HONGKONG PROTECTION SOCIETY

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Children it was reported that 108 new cases had been dealt with during the month of February, these involving the welfare of 173 children. In the families concerned, the average income per head per month was \$2.10.

During the same month, the Society's three Inspectors had paid 357 visits to homes, and altogether, 1,766 persons concerned in cases had called at the Society's branch offices.

The financial report for February showed expenditure of \$2,286.48 and receipts totalling \$5,250. The excess of receipts over expenditure was largely accounted for by the Government's contribution of \$5,000, which the Society was obliged to ask for early in order to avoid cashing of interest-bearing deposits.

It was also reported at the meeting that since the beginning of March, \$1,200 had been received from the Women's Guild and Ministry of Children's Welfare, and also, \$250 which had been allotted to the Society by Lady Peel out of the proceeds of the Military tattoo.

The Executive Committee welcomed Mrs. Hosper, the new Hon. Treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary, and appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Middleton Smith during her tenure of office as Chairman of the Auxiliary was expressed. It was decided to invite Mrs. A. D. A. MacGregor to join the Executive Committee; it was noticed that the Women's Auxiliary had nominated Mrs. Hosper and Mrs. Y. K. Chow for membership of the Permanent Finance Committee.

The Hon. Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Hicks, reported that Dr. Helen Cannan, eye specialist and specialist in children's diseases, had offered to give her services free to any of

## UNUSUAL CASE

### PROBLEM OF WHAT CARGO IS

The question of what is cargo and whether personal belongings or baggage may in certain cases mean cargo, was raised at the Marine Court yesterday, when four sampan mistresses were charged with having violated the conditions of their passenger boat licence.

The evidence showed that the four sampans were being towed by a launch on Tuesday night and that they were filled with boxes and baskets—the luggage of several passengers who were travelling, for convenience, in the launch.

Commander Hole pointed out that though the boxes might be personal belongings that did not prevent them becoming cargo. Whether goods were cargo or not depended very much on the vessel carrying them. In the case of a sampan, goods other than very personal belongings such as clothes would have to be considered cargo.

Commander Hole agreed with Mr. C. Y. Kwan, who appeared for all the defendants, that the sampans and the launch which was towing them could be considered as one unit; but disagreed with the submission that because the boxes were luggage, they were not cargo.

"It remains at the discretion of the magistrate to decide that," said the magistrate, "and in this case I intend to consider: 'When I came here some years ago I brought 17 tons of furniture with me. That was personal belongings; but by no stretch of the imagination could it be considered as anything other than cargo.'

The defendants were severally convicted and cautioned.

The Society's branches. This offer was gratefully accepted, it being pointed out that Dr. Canavan's services would be particularly valuable to the Western District branch, there being no infant welfare in that district.

Numerous cases were dealt with by the Executive Committee, all receiving the closest scrutiny, and it was intimated that Mr. P. E. Barker had kindly agreed to act as General Secretary of the Society.

Sir Wm. Peel Fund  
The Society for the Protection of

## RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

8.20 a.m. "Glorious Harmony;"  
8.45 a.m. "The News,"  
9 a.m. Close down.  
Transmission, 2

(G.H.P., G.S.E. and G.B.D.)  
7.45 p.m. "Big Ben," "A Star Pirate,"  
7.45 p.m. A Pianoforte Recital by Ernest

Lusk  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8.30 p.m.  
Speeches at the banquet given by the return of H.H.H. the Duke of

Gloucester  
8.20 p.m. The Belfast Wireless Orchestra.  
8.30 p.m. An Organ Recital.  
9.45 p.m. "The News."

Transmission, 3  
(G.H.P., G.S.E. and G.B.D.)  
10.15 p.m. "Big Ben," "Looking Backwards,"  
11 p.m. "The Leon Wayne Sextet, Gordon

McLennan (Horn), Howard Marshall,

11.15 p.m. Talk, "Under big Ben," Mr.

Howard Marshall,  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8 p.m.  
12 a.m. "Sweet delight," including "And They're very hot yet."

12.45 a.m. "The News."

1 a.m. Reginald Dixon, at the Organ of

the Tower Ballroom, Black-

pool  
1.30 a.m. Dance Music.  
1.45 a.m. Close down.  
Transmission, 4

(G.B.D. and G.S.E.)  
2 a.m. "Big Ben," "The News,"

2.15 a.m. Reginald Dixon, at the Organ

of the Tower Ballroom, Black-

pool  
2.50 a.m. Music of Roger Quilter. The

Midland Orchestra. Greenwich Time Signal at 7 p.m.

3 a.m. Talk, "Church Choirs of the

3.35 a.m. Instrumental Interlude,  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8 p.m.

4.15 a.m. "Affaire Piratik."

4.30 a.m. "The News."

5.15 a.m. "In the Shadow," A play for

broadcasting by Weston Giddy.

6 a.m. "Pianoforte Interlude,"

6.15 a.m. "A Recital by Margaret Franks (Violoncello) and Antoinette Hall (Violoncello). Close down.

## KZRM PROGRAMME

### This Evening's Broadcast From Manila

The following programme will be broadcast from Manila this evening by 12.11M:

8 p.m. Songs, Kite, Tamburo, "Ding-Nourou" at the piano.

8.10 p.m. Spanish Informational Period.

8.30 p.m. English Informational Period, Velarde, Jr.

7.15 p.m. Haque Presentation.

7.30 p.m. La Estrella del Norte—Bermanant

7.45 p.m. Health Messenger.

8 p.m. Say it with Music—Carmen & Clelia Franklin.

8.15 p.m. Photo Stardust—Miguel Velarde.

8.30 p.m. NEPA Programme.

9 p.m. Stock Quotations.

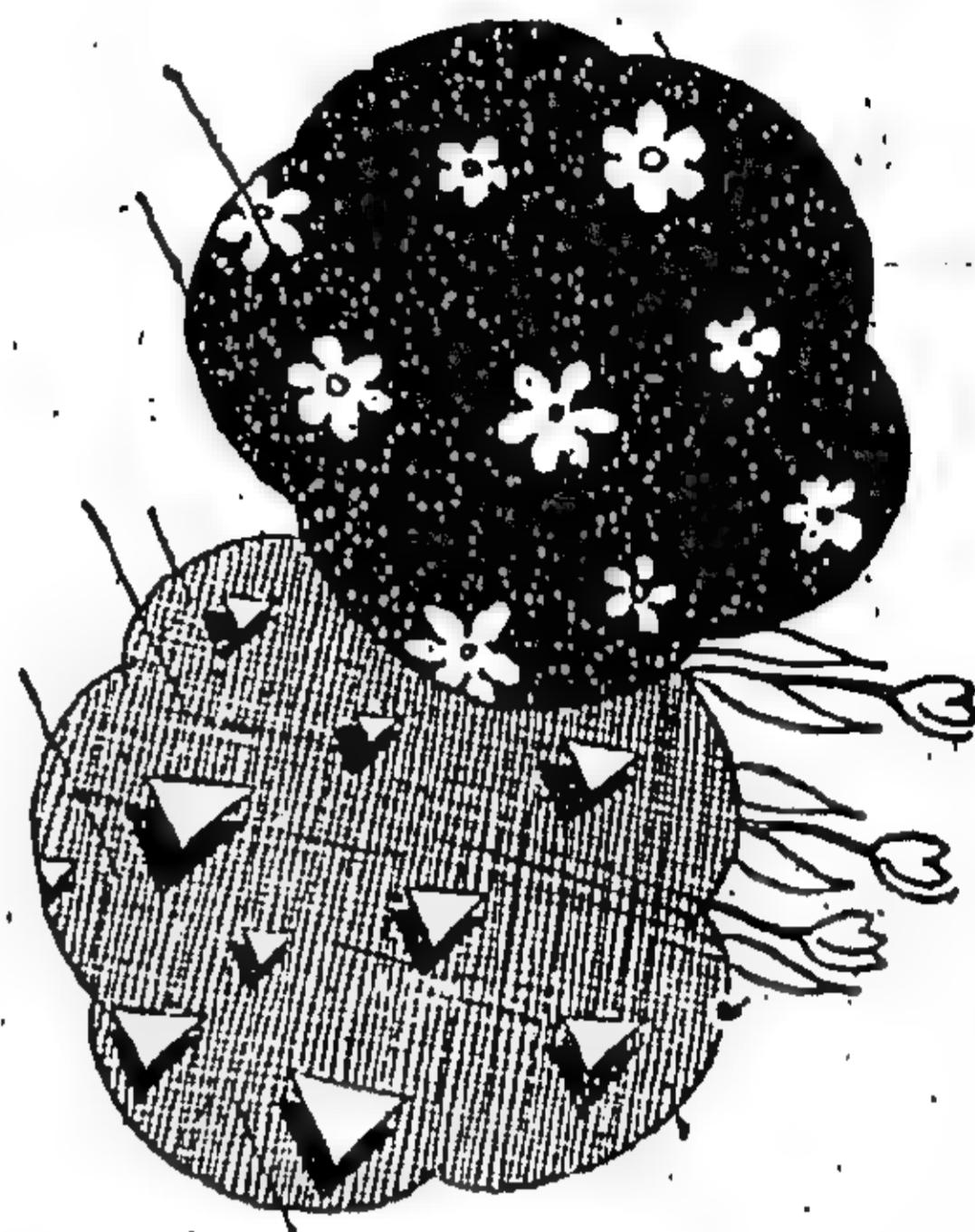
9.05 p.m. Classical Music.

10.30 p.m. Sign Off.

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## NOTES OF THE DAY

### THE WORK DOLLAR

Every novel idea for currency reform is studied by America's experts before it is pigeon-holed or scrapped, because somebody might produce some scheme which would be of value. That is wisdom. The administrators are afraid to laugh at a fool lest they should be presently proved in error. The latest worry for the big people at the White House is the "work dollar." Somebody brought this idea into the Capitol and Congressmen cannot make up their minds whether it is just nonsense or something which will prove a blessing. The idea of the "work dollar" is something like this: an hour of standard labour, worth \$1 to the worker, shall be made the standard measurement of monetary values. The idea of stabilising money in relation to a wages index is old to English economists, but it is something altogether new in Washington. It is a discovery, according to Mr. E. W. Mason, manager of the Progressive Party, which consists of the remnants of the La Follette Presidential Campaign Army of 1924, sometimes known as the Mugwumps, the American father of the "work dollar" plan.

### IT MEANS THIS:

What does it all mean? somebody asked Mr. Mason. And Mr. Mason said: "Standardisation of the work dollar at a value of \$1 per hour for unskilled labour would be accomplished through a Government offer of employment to anyone seeking it, thereby compelling an eternal rotation of new wealth. The Government, as an employer, would pay wages on a sliding scale, low enough not to compete with industry privately owned, but progressively high enough to force industry to pay \$1 an hour minimum wages. The money would be put into circulation in payment for emergency work without any limit to its volume. The Government employment agency would be in a position similar to that of the post office. If an individual goes to the post office and pays three cents the Government must give him a postage stamp. Similarly, if an individual went to the Government and tendered his services, the Government would be obliged to put him on the payroll within forty-eight hours and pay him with new money. This money would be redeemed systematically, through the sale of products manufactured by the workers, or taxes levied against valuable public improvements, such as highways. The Government would get the money to start the ball rolling at a printing press. Assume," says Mr. Mason, "that the Government would give emergency employment to 10,000,000 unskilled workers for 50 hours each week, at \$1 an hour. Three hundred million dollars of 'new' money would be put into circulation and the purchasing power of the nation would put up 'help wanted' signs. A majority of these workers for the 'work dollar' would soon find employment in regular industries. In a short time only the relatively small and short-time workers would be left in the emergency labour class, and their support would cost the people very much less than at present." It seems that all that is needed is new money. Why make a man work for it? we ask. Why not give it away? and bring prosperity back that much faster.

HOLLYWOOD'S "SAVIOUR"

Dickens is Hollywood's "saviour." The long queues at the ticket offices must gladden the hearts of motion picture theatre managers as "David Copperfield" pulls in such crowds as have not been seen since the easy-come-easy-go free spending days of five years ago. Just what is the secret of this enthuasiasim of acclaim by so large a section of the American public? It cannot lie altogether in the intelligent casting of the parts, or in the sympathetic handling of the subject. Other screen attractions have been cleverly cast and well directed. Excellently portrayed as are all the roles in "David Copperfield" the feminine personae of less successful films have included names more "glamorous," to use the current, and rather overworked, Hollywoodism. Grappling with every-day problems; weary and scared with a pseudo-sophistication that scoffs at sentiment and brushes virtue by, many are finding something more near reality in the unashamed sentiment and simple virtues infinitely depicted by England's foremost novelist.

which at the moment happen to be inactive. One point which has been made plain in recent years is that small-hopes can be entertained of the efficacy of national action; the issue is one for co-ordinated international treatment. Until the various countries most affected come to a full realisation of this point, it is unlikely that any material improvement will be brought about.

## OIL—THE LIFE BLOOD OF NATIONS

By GLYN ROBERTS,

NEWS CHRONICLE FEATURE WRITER

THREE substances, all of them lying originally under the earth's soil, control the politics of the modern world, and possibly the destinies of mankind. Voluntarily the human race has given tremendous power to gold, to coal and to oil.

This is, above all, the age of oil. Gold and coal have both lost their predominance. Men who have had unique opportunities of forming judgments worth listening to—Presidents, Premiers, Foreign Ministers—have realised this and said so.

A very cautious man, Calvin Coolidge, the late President of the United States, observed: "It is very probable that the supremacy of nations may be determined by the possession of available petroleum and its products."

Georges Clemenceau, France's ultra-realistic national leader, remarked: "A drop of oil is worth a drop of blood." He might have added that it has usually cost it.

Lord Curzon, who knew just how and why the Great War happened and ended, commented after the Armistice: "The Allies were compelled to victory on a flood of oil."

The daily life of a modern State would be atrophied, with immediate food shortage, outbreaks of disease, civil dissension and universal panic, if the supplies of petroleum came to an end. As for war, it cannot be contemplated without enormous reserves of this priceless liquid fuel. Not one wagon could move, not one lorry, not one aeroplane, without petroleum.

The same is true of most navies. Since Lord Fisher's tenure of power, the British Navy, the greatest in the world and the Empire's time-honoured guard against aggression, has become entirely oil-burning. There is not an important ship in the whole fleet to-day burning coal.

This condition of things has not come about suddenly. It is the result of the gradual changes of the last seventy years. To-day the Governments of the world are deeply involved in the politics of oil.

Oil politics are world politics in a very real sense, for he who controls petroleum for the next two decades could put himself in such a position, if he played his cards skilfully, that it would need a great many revolutions and convulsions to remove him from power.

The secret war for oil has never stopped since it broke out half a century ago. It will not stop for some time yet. It actuates and explains the behaviour—often otherwise inexplicable—of the Governments of the world's Great Powers.

It is the cause of bloody revolutions—in-to-us—obscure South American and Near Eastern countries. It attracts men of genius, and men, too, whose acquisitive instinct is developed to the stature of a perversity—adventurers,

dare-devils. It produces its own Talleyrands, Cromwells, Napoleons.

It does not seek the limelight; its big men exercise from behind the curtains of the diplomatic stage an influence which has sometimes affected the destinies of peoples.

Half-truths and innuendoes in this terrific story have repeatedly found their way into books and newspapers. The whole truth has never been told, and probably never will be.

The world will probably never learn the whole truth of the diplomatic moves shortly before King Faisal's death. The full tale will never be revealed of the doings in Russia and the Near East of Sidney George Reilly, alias Rosenblum, of the British Secret Service.

The identity of the Secret Service man who secured a Near Eastern oil concession by posing as a priest; the relations between oil interests, Continental armaments firms, and the Paris Press; the fantastic but plausible story contained in French Secret Service File No. 28,779—those are likely to remain in the ambiguous and sinister background of rumour, true or false.

The great known oil-fields of the world are roughly divided into two areas—the Caucasus and the Caribbean. It was in the Caucasus, then as now one of the richest areas in the whole world, that the first Oil Magnate of the modern type appeared.

This was Hassan Kouli Khan, subject of the Shah of Persia, and of no one else, whom we find, the last Prince of Baku, exporting 2,000 boudiots, or sheepskins, of petroleum a month in the first years of the last century. By taxing the sales of this oil the Persian Shah found himself a rich man. It is a technique subsequent Shahs have perfected.

One day in 1805 the Prince Tsitsianov, with a handful of men, presented himself at the Palace of Hassan Kouli Khan and demanded the sovereignty of the Khanate of Baku in the name of his master, the Tsar of All the Russians. The Khan invited the Prince into the Palace, smiled amiably at him, and swept off his insolent head with one mighty blow of his scimitar and sent it by caravan to the Shah.

But he himself very soon followed the gift to Persia, and the Tsar's Cossacks entered Baku. The Russians at that time knew nothing of petroleum. The industry fell into a decline. The Tsar's nominee for the post of Commandant at Baku—regarded at St. Petersburg as virtual exile—thought he would recover the Imperial approval with a detailed account of the resources of the Khanate. In his report figured this thick black liquid.

"Very interesting," said the Tsar. "Send a scientific expedition to explore the oil-fields." (Continued on next column)

*The Very Idea!*

### THAT LAST DOLLAR

By Horatio Bogg, Pauper

IT was the day after pay-day, but, Allah be praised! we still had that last remaining dollar, secreted, for additional safety, in our coat-lining.

That was not as it should be, when, by all the rules and traditions, we should not have retained that much wealth so long. The Gods would be angry, and when they were angry they would find a way to accomplish our complete ruin.

Premonition of evil which proved to be only too true. It was another "Flower Day," and, all unsuspecting, we walked into the trap.

Futile to have sought escape. We had hardly dodged down a lane, when our exit was barred at both ends, and ahead were two fair sellers who had beaten us to it.

"Foiled again!" we snarled. We had the hunted look of a quarry run to earth, but our fist was still clutched tightly over the dollar.

"Mr. Bogg, you have not bought a flower from us." "Mr. Bogg, this one should go well with that nice suit of yours."

Who could have resisted those denars? Our resolution melted like wax, and we surrendered that last dollar. Once again we were broke. The Gods had found a way!

It was a new kind of flower by which we were sold.

Whether the flower was a rose or a geranium, we don't know. The point is unimportant beside the fact that it had to be a new kind of flower every time a Flower Day was held.

It is a sad story, mateys, going back to a number of Flower Days. We recall that, in an attempt to economise, on an occasion we had saved a rose, anticipating that roses would again be sold on the next Flower Day to come.

Our anticipation turned out to be quite correct, but because we bungled over the job, wearing our rose before these flowers were actually out on the streets, the Committee became suspicious, and started an inquiry.

The upshot of it was this decree of a new flower for each sale.

There—again—we were foiled. But as hope springs eternal in the human breast, and as this hope is about our only possession at the moment, we are still holding on to that rose. Maybe we may outlive the whole range of flowers! Then, when they have come back to the rose, that last laugh which we still hope to have on the Committee will be ours.

Science from an Armchair. We heard this week of an aged Empire-builder (retired) who, every morning, as he makes his slow, dignified way from bar to bar, is followed by the following animals—a mawie elephant (ordinary enough, and needing no comment), three orange-tinted camels with five (count them—five) humps apiece, and a snake with legs.

As he invariably carries a hunting-crop, he gets little trouble from his pets until he gets to the corner of Fall Mall and St. James's Square. Here, for some reason, they refuse, more often than not, to keep in line. He does not condescend to argue or bully them. He merely observes, in an icy tenor which once put the fear of Allah into the aborigines of the M'Bongo hinterland:

"Any more trouble from you, by Gad, and I'll take a couple of asp-in and get rid of the whole ruddy lot of you!"

tion to see what use can be made of the stuff." Some of Russia's greatest savants were in the Caucasus for many weeks. Their verdict was:

"Petroleum is a liquid which has no use whatsoever. As for its nature, it is a sticky liquid with an unpleasant smell. It cannot be employed in any productive fashion."

But history has judged otherwise. Several hundred thousand men and women and children have died since then for the Oil of Caucasus. To-day, more than ever, the city of Baku and the incalculable riches of the petroleum fields of the Near East are the centre of a ruthless secret war.

In this otherwise unimportant isthmus between two large Asiatic lakes is concentrated billions of dollars' worth of the liquid which makes and breaks Governments.



"I'll be glad when our crowd gets a bit older and stops having birthdays."

## DEMANDS UNITED IRELAND

### DE VALERA'S NEW CHALLENGE

#### SUGGESTS A PLEBISCITE

Dublin, April 3.  
The third reading of the Free State Citizenship Bill was preceded to-day by a vigorous speech from Mr. de Valera who said that an Anglo-Irish peace treaty could easily be signed providing Great Britain would cease interfering in Ireland.

The majority of Irish people did not want the country partitioned as a plebiscite would show. If Britain would consent to hold one.

The present Bill rejected the title of "British subjects" for Irishmen, and Mr. De Valera.

Certain Irish ports were still held by Britain, notwithstanding the fact that they had frequently assured the British Government that they were prepared to defend the coast so no foreign country could use Ireland as a base of attack against Britain.

"Our fight will only end when every inch of Ireland is controlled by a Government elected by the majority of the Irish people," declared Mr. De Valera.—*Reuter*.

## SHAI MARKET REPORT

### EXCHANGE REMAINS FAIRLY STEADY

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Apr. 4.  
The Foreign Exchange Market opened with rates around yesterday's close. The market now is very dull. U.S. dollars are 37½ and Sterling 1/6 13/16.

The Central Bank is offering to sell sterling for June at 1/6½.

Gold Bars opened at 876.30 and dropped to \$873.50 at ten minutes past nine.

The market looks easier at 11 a.m. Rates are now at about the opening levels, having declined after an early firmness when U.S. dollars touched 38.

This is partly due to Mr. Wang Ching-wel's reference, during a *United Press* interview yesterday, that continued efforts would be made on the part of China to persuade the United States to modify their silver policy.

The market opened uncertain, says *Reuter*, due to some speculative buying, but on selling by Government Banks, the market turned up. At present, the market is firm.

The foreign exchange market is dead at 1220 p.m., the *United Press* adds.

Rates are steady, U.S. dollars at 37 13/16 and sterling at 1/6½.—*United Press*.

## NEW ATTACK ON EVEREST

### HUGH RUTLEDGE TO LEAD EXPEDITION

(Special to "Telegraph")

New Delhi, April 3.  
Mr. Hugh Rutledge, leader of the 1933 Mount Everest Expedition, retired India Civil Service official, has accepted an invitation to lead a new attempt on the towering Himalayan peak in 1936-37.

The Government of Tibet has given the expedition the necessary permission.—*Reuter Special*.

### TEN YEARS OF PEACE HERR HITLER'S WAR HOLIDAY PROPOSAL

(London, April 3.)

It is learned to-day from unofficial sources, that during the conversations at Berlin between Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Minister, and Herr Hitler, that the latter, during the course of the negotiations, made the suggestion that a ten year war holiday should be negotiated among the Powers.—*Reuter*.

### OCCASIONAL RAIN

The anticyclone is passing into the Pacific to the east of Japan. An area of moderately high pressure extends from the Central Yangtze Valley to N. E. China. The position of the typhoon is uncertain. It is probably in about Lat. 14N, Long. 131E, moving N. W. or N. N. W. The depression is situated to the west of the Loochoos, moving N. E. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; generally overcast, occasional rain.

## London Market Dullness

### SILVER UNDERTONE REMAINS GOOD

London, April 3.  
On the London Stock Exchange to-day, investment demand was very well maintained but, in the continued absence of speculative interest, the early firmness was followed by a certain amount of dullness all round.

On the Commodity markets, a good volume of business was done in terminal sugar, owing to covering orders and a keen demand for actuals.

In spite of heavy profit-taking, the copper market closed very firm, demand being accentuated by the three Rhodesian companies agreeing to the control scheme. Lead was also firm on covering purchases.—*United Press*.

After reviewing movements during the past week, Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. say that the undertone of the silver market remains good.

The concluding paragraph of the review states that some sales were effected on Continental account, whilst America, as only to be expected in view of the case of Senator Alfredo Zavalá as Finance Minister. He is Governor of the Bank of Spain.

### BURGLAR SENT TO PRISON

### CAUGHT CARRYING GOODS AWAY

Failing to give a satisfactory account of how he came to be in possession of shoes, hats, blankets and other articles to the total value of \$10, Kwan Sau, aged 18, was taken into custody by a police constable yesterday. Investigations made later revealed that he had committed a burglary at No. 7 Cheung Sha Street earlier in the day. He was charged before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and admitted the burglary.

Detective Sergeant Franklin said defendant was arrested by a constable carrying the articles yesterday morning. He could not give a satisfactory account of how he came to be in possession of these things, and was taken to the Police Station. It was later discovered that between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday he had committed a burglary at the address given in the charge. After stealing the articles he hid them in a scavenging lane and returned to get them later. It was while he was walking away with the articles that he was arrested.

Sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed.

### ROYAL HONEYMOONERS

London, April 3.  
The Duke and Duchess Kent, who are homeward bound from their honeymoon cruise, landed for two hours from the liner *Orduna* at St. George, Bermuda, to-day and were received by the Governor, with whom they drove to the Crystal Caves.—*British Wireless*.

### DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

One case of Meningitis was reported to the local health authorities on Tuesday.

H.M.S. Adventure, returned from Shanghai this morning and entering the Harbour saluted Commodore Frank Elliott as Senior Naval Officer, with 11 guns. H.M.S. *Tamar* replied.

A five-year-old Chinese girl was knocked down in Main Street, Shaukiwan, by a tram yesterday and was fatally injured. Her body was subsequently removed to the Public Mortuary.

On the application of Detective-Sergeant R. Granger at the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. Macfadyen made an order for the confiscation of 63 pounds of unmanifested chlorate of potash, found on board the steamer *Kinshan* at the Canton Wharf at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday and was unclaimed.

Chau Ying, unemployed, charged before Mr. W. M. Thomson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with being in unlawful possession of dagger, Li Nam was sentenced to a year's hard labour. Detective Sub-Inspector Cunningham told the Court defendant was not out to commit an armed robbery at a Hoklo village. The police received information and intercepted the defendant at a tea-house in Prince Edward Road.

Two charges of assault were preferred against Leung Po-sui, aged 39, a shop fok, and Chan Chung-chun, aged 18, a cook, on their appearance before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court this morning. The charge against the defendants was (a) assaulting Yu Kong, a pawn-broker, at Wing Lok Street yesterday, and (b) assaulting Mok Yick, P.C. 553. The case was remanded to 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the defendants were allowed out on bail of \$76 each.

## Lerroux In Saddle

### FORMS GOVERNMENT WITH RADICALS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Madrid, April 3.  
Senor Lerroux has formed a Cabinet with himself as Prime Minister, the Radical, Senor Juan Jose Rocha as Foreign Minister and the Radical, Senor Alfredo Zabalza, Governor of the Bank of Spain, as Finance Minister.

The other members of the Government are mostly radicals, but two of them are independents.

President Zamora has decreed a thirty day suspension of the Cortes in order that a threatening situation may become tranquillised.—*United Press*.

### SIMPLY STOP-GAP

The new Cabinet, says a *Reuter* Special despatch, may be regarded only as a stop-gap until such time as the Cortes meets again.

Five of the twelve members of the Cabinet have been appointed as experts, rather than as members of the Radical Party, as in the case of Senor Alfredo Zavalá as Finance Minister. He is Governor of the Bank of Spain.

### FARM LOANS FOR KIANGSI

### FUNDS BEING MADE AVAILABLE

Nanchang, April 4.  
An important step toward giving relief to the much depressed rural districts of Kiangsi, which were devastated by the Reds, the Government of Kiangsi is planning to organise a rural relief credit system with a capital of \$1,200,000, part of which is to be made available through a loan from the National Economic Council, and the remainder to be subscribed by a number of banks. This credit system will provide for the establishment of a rural credit bureau in each of the districts of the province, with a view to lending credit to farmers at exceptionally low rates of interest.

Mr. Bellamy's SPEECH.

In proposing the health of the newly-married couple, Mr. Bellamy said:

"I have great pleasure in proposing the health of to-day's bride and bridegroom. I know of only two very inadequate reasons why this important duty has been delegated to me. One is that I am a fellow-townsmen of the bridegroom—we spent our boyhood days together in Liverpool. The other reason is that I have had the advantage of knowing the bride before ever she set foot in Hongkong. Half-an-hour after our meeting, I said to my wife, 'The man who marries Miss Calkin will be extremely lucky.'

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## MARRIAGE OF MR. W. H. BELL

### A.P.C. HEAD WEDS MISS CALKIN

The wedding took place this morning at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, of Mr. William Henry Bell, the manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd. in South China and the Philippine Islands, and Miss Helen Joyce Calkin, third daughter of Mr. Walter L. Calkin, of Highgate, Ashley Road, Walton-on-Thames.

Both the bride and bridegroom are well-known and popular in the Colony. Mr. Bell was formerly an unofficial member of the Legislative Council. His bride arrived from Home on the s.s. Ranchi yesterday.

The wedding was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bousfield.

After the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Roof Garden, of the Hongkong Hotel.

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### RADIATION

"Three short words describe to-day's bride—she radiates happiness. Her new name—Joy Bell—is symbolic and I hope that it will be a happy harbinger for her future happiness. I congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bell. Mr. Bell has not only brought Joy to himself but joy to his many friends."

*ZEESEN PROGRAMME*

8.30-10 p.m. European Recorded Music From Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 610 kilocycles.

8.30-8.56 p.m. Symphony No. 8 in B Minor ("Unfinished") (Schubert). Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

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### ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcast From The German Short-Wavers

Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeeen as follows:

### SOUTH ASIA ZONE

South Asia Zone broadcast from DJB, 2.76 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).

4.45 p.m. DJB DJN Announcement (German, Eng.). DJB German Folk Song Programme Forecast (German, Eng.).

5 p.m. Stories, Waltzes played on Two Harps, Indian Rudolf Schmidt, Indian Karke.

5.15 p.m. Book Chat.

5.30 p.m. News in English.

5.45 p.m. Concert of Light Music.

6 p.m. News in English.

6.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (German, Eng.).

### EAST ASIA ZONE

East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.45 metres and DJN (31.45 metres).

9 p.m. DJB DJN Announcement (German, Eng.). DJB German Folk Song Programme Forecast (German, Eng.).

9.15 p.m. Short Concert.

9.30 p.m. News in English on DJA, and in Dutch on DJN.

10 p.m. Broadcast from Stuttgart: Baden Homeland.

10.15 p.m. "Where dark the Haide standeth" Sequence from the Baden-Haide Forest. Arranged and conducted by A. G. Richter and G. Gruenberg.

11 p.m. German Travel Medicine.

11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.

11.30 p.m. A Programme of cheerful Ditties for Harpists, Violin, Cello and Combade by Giese Philipp.

12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA, and in Dutch on DJN.

12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (German, Eng.).

### DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

To-day's Broadcasting From Four Transmissions

# REMARKABLE TENNIS IN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

**TSUI BROTHERS HAVE MATCH IN HAND**

**BUT PAUL KONG AND LEE WAI TONG STAGE RECOVERY**

**WIN SIX GAMES IN ROW TO ENTER THE SEMI-FINAL**

(By "Veritas")

In no other match during the current championships has fluctuating fortune been so featured as in yesterday's open doubles quarter-final tie between the Tsui brothers and Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong. From directly favouring Kong and Lee, the game swung round to aid the brothers and to see them turn the loss of the first set into a lead of 5-1 in the final stanza; then, when all seemed over, Kong and his partner staged a "comeback", taking six games in a row and winning an extraordinary match by 6-3, 5-6, 7-5.

With Tsui Wai-pui playing dilatory tennis throughout it was not surprising that the opposition won; yet once the Tsui brothers had reached such a stage of ascendancy in terms of games they should have clinched the issue without further trouble.

Actually they led 40-love-on Tsui Wai-pui's service and Kong and Lee had to save four match points before starting their great counter-attack.

**DISMAL WAI-PUI.**

It is generally recognised that Tsui Wai-pui is not a very brilliant doubles player, that is judged by the standards of local champions, but never before have I seen him figure so dismally in a doubles match as yesterday.

He played a desultory type of tennis as though he had accepted elimination as inevitable. And even when his younger brother, doing all the work, and playing splendidly, pulled the second set out of the fire, he did not shake off his lethargy, but continued to play in a detached and disinterested manner.

The tennis generally was not particularly thrilling. Except for Tsui Yun-pui and occasionally Paul Kong the players adopted safety tactics, and displayed very little enthusiasm.

Tsui Wai-pui concentrated on lobbing, but he was consistently short and presented the opposition with easy winners. In the early part of the final set, Wai-pui came into his own with some clever volley placements, but he was continually nullifying these efforts with bad length lobbing.

**YUN-PUI ATTRACTIVE**

Tsui Yun-pui was the most attractive player on view, the young-

ster playing good all-round tennis. His nerve deserted him as soon as the opposition had started their "comeback" and errors flowed from his racket. But until that time he had been chiefly instrumental for 80 per cent. of the points scored by the brothers. I liked his service and there were times when he volleyed with the precision of a fully matured player.

I think it was largely their own fault that Kong and Lee Wai-tong were so extended. They fell away badly in the second set and in the first half a dozen games of the third. Lee Wai-tong made some awful bloomers overhead and Kong could do little but drive on the forehand. In the opening stages Lee's angle volleys would not work and it was left to Kong to finish off the rallies. Lee was reliable off the ground and scored several times with his cunning drop shot. Nevertheless, for all their blunders, they were far and away superior to the brothers in this opening canto.

There came reaction which threatened to defeat them. They were bluffed out of the second set and gave the opposition what should have been a winning lead in the third by reason of their complete inability to deal with the easiest of lobs or any of the other defensive shots by the Tsuis.

**BRIGHT FINISH**  
It was Tsui Wai-pui's carelessness which permitted them to save a lost battle. Re-gaining confidence and judging the opposition reaction to a nicely, they again went to the attack, but this time they added accuracy to their shots and the Tsui brothers found themselves volleyed and "killed" off the court.

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Some of the 110 racing greyhounds being taken aboard the steamer, Eumeralia, at Sydney, for Shanghai. The sport is popular in China, which provides a good market for Australian-bred dogs.

## HOW MAX SCHMELING BEAT HAMAS

### FAR AND AWAY THE BETTER MAN

London, March 11.  
Max Schmeling, the German former world's heavyweight champion, beat Steve Hamas, of America, at Hamburg last night. The bout was stopped by the referee in the ninth round when Hamas was helpless and badly bleeding from the punishment he had received.

Schmeling, who was superior throughout the contest, thus avenged his points defeat by Hamas which he received at Philadelphia last year.

**SEEN 4,000 MILES AWAY.**

There were 20,000 spectators in the Hanseatic Hall, which had been specially erected for this fight and for the first time television pictures of the contest were wireless to London, Paris and New York.

By his victory Schmeling thus puts himself in the front line for a fight with Max Baer for the world's title, and it is not improbable they may meet in the summer in New York for that purpose.

Hamas received £5,000 for last night's fight which was refereed by Mr. Fallon, a Belgian, with an American and a German judge at the ringside.

The fight opened cautiously with some feinting, and Schmeling had the advantage of the opening round by his initiative.

The pace was faster in the second round, when left-hand methods by Hamas were avoided by his rival. Towards the end Schmeling suddenly landed to the head and staggered Hamas to the ropes. The round was clearly Schmeling's.

In round three, Hamas tried a long right swing to the body, but Schmeling avoided the attack and landed a left, followed by two right hooks. Hamas drew back and Schmeling, fighting for a quick decision, landed several blows to the body and head with much effect. Schmeling's round.

He also gained the next round in which he got a right to the chin, while Hamas replied with a left hook to the body.

Honours were even in a rather tame fifth round, but in the following round Schmeling came quickly out of his corner and, with a swift hook to the head, sent Hamas to the boards. The American was clearly shaken and, although he endeavoured to cover up, he was overwhelmed with barrage of rights and lefts and was sent down twice more for counts of nine. The coup de grace was about to be given when Hamas was saved by the gong.

From this point the fight was clearly Schmeling's. He drove Hamas round the ring and landed many blows, but Hamas showed extreme resistance and managed to prolong an uneven fight.

**"STOP IT!"**

During the last three rounds the whole crowd was shouting for the fight to be stopped.

Schmeling sent Hamas down three times for a count of nine in the sixth round and for five successive rounds seemed on the point of achieving a knock-out.

Hamas staggered round the ring amid a hail of right hooks, right upper-cuts, straight rights and an occasional hard left.

At times he lay on the ropes almost unconscious, making futile efforts to defend himself, and when the referee stopped the fight Hamas seemed on the point of complete collapse.

Hitler telephoned to Schmeling's pretty actress-wife, Anny Ondra, who was in Munich, to congratulate her on her husband's success.

**ENGLISHMEN BEATEN**

Three English boxers figured on the programme. Bob Carville (England) met Adolf Heuser (Germany) who, although giving away nearly two stone in weight, attacked fiercely. Carville's resistance collapsed in the sixth round when he gave up.

In another bout the German Adolf Witt beat Ernie Simmons on points, but was forced to take a count in the seventh round.

The third bout was drawn. It was between Glen Moody and Fred Boeck of Germany. Moody had the best of the earlier rounds, but Boeck improved later and Moody sustained injuries to the ear and eye. He fought determinedly, however, and deserved the draw. — Exchange and British United Press.

visiting the Birmingham team and winning by the odd goal in five, while in the first division of the Scottish League St. Johnstone were forced to a draw by Aberdeen, both teams scoring once.

The results as cabled by Reuter follow, together with the amended third division league table, showing the records of the first four teams.

**ENGLISH LEAGUE**

**First Division**

Aston Villa 2 W. Bromwich 3

**THIRD DIVISION**

Chester 1 Rochdale 0

1 Barrow 1

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Chester ... 38 19 11 6 80 47 49

Doncaster ... 33 21 5 7 73 32 47

Tranmere ... 35 18 11 6 63 36 47

Hallifax ... 36 20 5 10 64 01 45

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE**

**First Division**

St. Johnstone 1 Aberdeen 1

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

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Aberdeen ... 33 21 5 7 73 32 47

**C.R.C. "AT HOME" THIS WEEK**

Postponed Event To Be Held Saturday

The Chinese Recreation Club

recently postponed owing to bad weather, will be held on Saturday

next at Causeway Bay.

Lady Southern has again kindly

consented to present the prizes,

and during the afternoon an exhibi-

tion mixed doubles match will be

played between Mrs. Kayll and

M. W. Lee and H. D. Rumjahn and

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## POLICE STILL IN THE RUNNING

For Football Honours In First Division

## WIN TWO MORE POINTS

The Police continue to remain contestants for the runners-up honours in the first division of the football league by virtue of their defeat yesterday of St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three.

The game, played on the Kowloon Football Club ground was not productive of a particularly high standard of football, but the Police were not seriously threatened and should have won by a greater margin.

They had many more chances of netting in the first half than the Saints, but poor finishing kept the score down. In the closing stages the losers were on top, but found the Police defence invulnerable.

**BRILLIANT DEFENCE**

The Police half backs were somewhat below usual form, but they were so brilliantly covered by Chris Pike and Blackburn that the goal was seldom in jeopardy.

The winners were outstanding in the forward line both Tommy Pike and Moss shining with some smart runs down the field and accurate centring.

The Saints were excellently served by Sousa at right back, and he continually held up the energetic Police forwards single handed.

Once against the Saints suffered

by ineffective halves, only Elms

coming up to scratch. The forward line was patchy, with Ward

the shining light. Leonard had an off day, and the remainder of the quintet were not clever

enough to beat the stolid Police rearguard.

The Police took a two-nil lead

before half time, Bone netting the

first goal and Johnstone the

## BADMINTON

### NATIONAL TITLE CONCEDED

#### R. WHITE BEATS NICHOLS

London, March 10.

R. M. White regained the men's singles title at the All-England Badminton Championships at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London, yesterday, when he defeated the holder, R. C. F. Nichols, in the final 15-10, 15-7. No better smashing had been seen for many seasons than that of White, whose defence, in addition, was sound. Nichols was definitely out-classed.

After endeavouring to win the women's singles title for over ten years, Mrs. H. S. Uber became the woman champion for the first time by beating in the final a former holder, Mrs. R. J. Teague, of Devon. Uber, Nichols and Miss T. Kingsbury roamed the women's doubles title by defeating Mrs. Uber and Miss A. Doveton with the loss of the second game. In the final of the mixed doubles, the holders, Uber and Miss M. Armstrong, and by this victory Mrs. Uber equalled the fine record of Miss H. Hogarth, who won this event six times.

**Men's Singles Championship.**

Final: R. M. White beat R. C. F. Nichols (holder), 15-10, 15-7.

**Women's Singles Championship.**

Final: Mrs. H. S. Uber beat Mrs. R. J. Teague, 11-1, 11-6.

**Veterans' Doubles Championship.**

Final: P. W. Wooster and A. Solomon (rec. 2) (holders) beat C. P. Harrington and E. G. Costello (scratch), 15-11, 15-5.

**Women's Doubles Championship.**

Final: Mrs. M. Henderson and Miss T. Kingsbury (holders) beat Mrs. H. S. Uber and Miss A. Doveton, 15-5, 9-15, 15-8.

**Men's Doubles Championship.**

Final: D. C. Ilume and R. M. White (holders) beat L. Nichols and R. C. F. Nichols, 15-12, 15-19.

**Mixed Doubles Championship.**

Final: D. C. Ilume and Mrs. H. S. Uber (holders) beat R. M. White and Miss M. Armstrong, 15-3, 15-1.

Playing in the Snooker League on Tuesday night the Garrison Sergeant's Mess beat St. Johnstone's by five matches to nil.

The Royal Engineers Sergeant's Mess played the Dockyard Police and won by the odd game in five while the Prison Officers' Mess won by a similar margin against the Catholic Union.

Heads To It in this incident during the Police v. St. Joseph's football match played yesterday, showing the Police defence repelling a fierce attack. (Photo: Mew Cheung).

second. The Saints were more in the picture in the closing stages, and after Santos had netted, very nearly obtained an equaliser. Only the steady work of the two backs stopped them from achieving this objective.

Amended League Table

Goals

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"Transport" is the simple but effective caption applied by Laurence Stallings to this shot which is included in the amazing documentary film "The First World War," which will be shown at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

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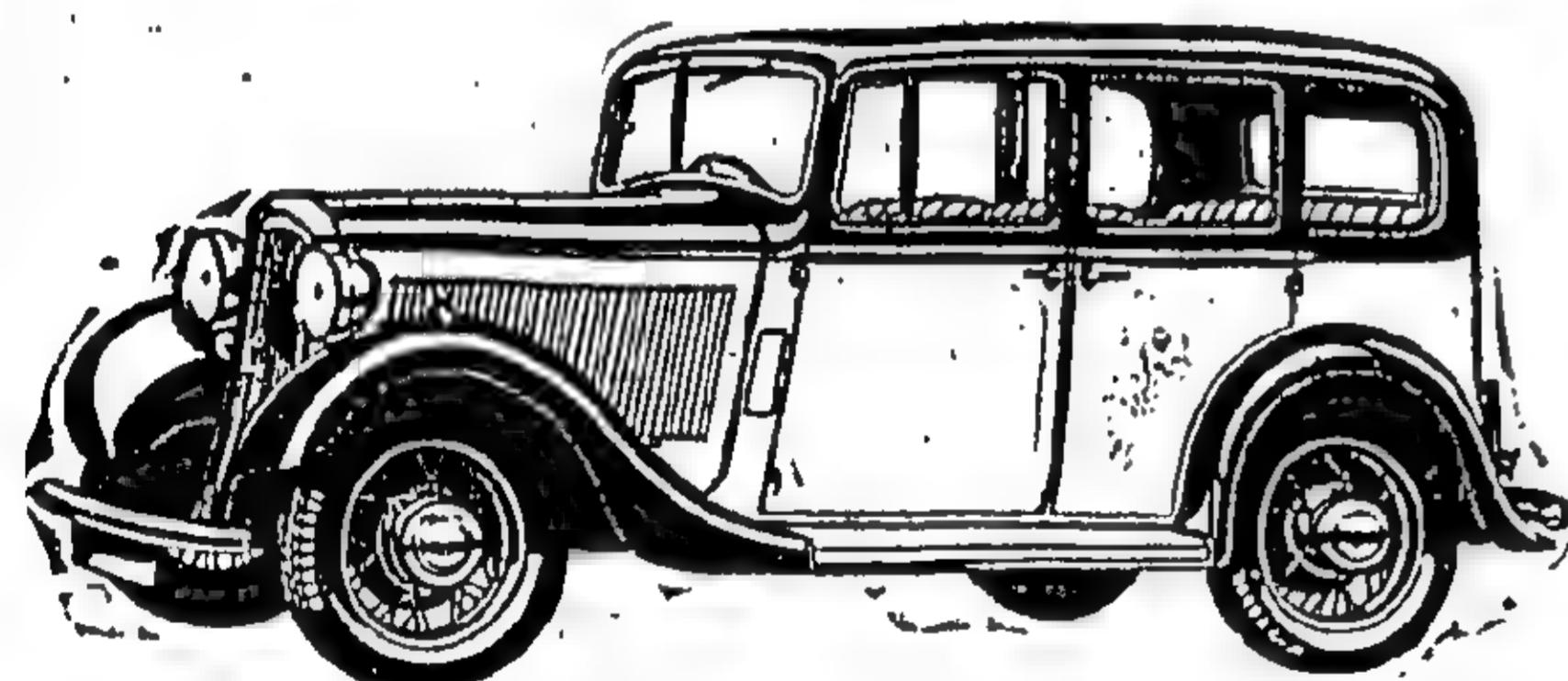


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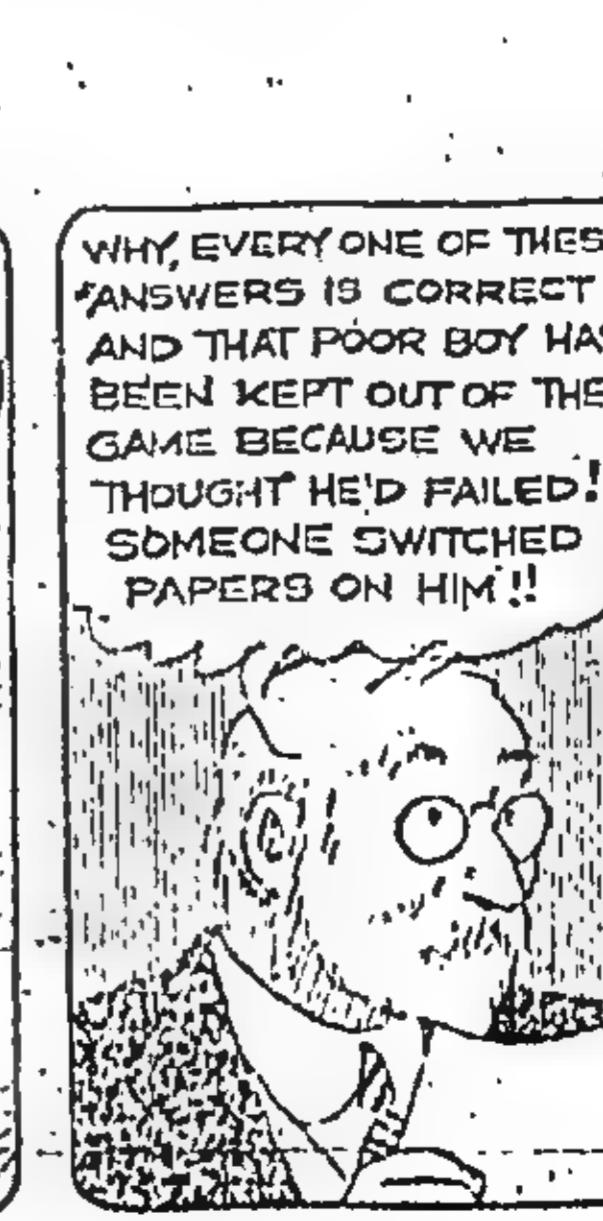
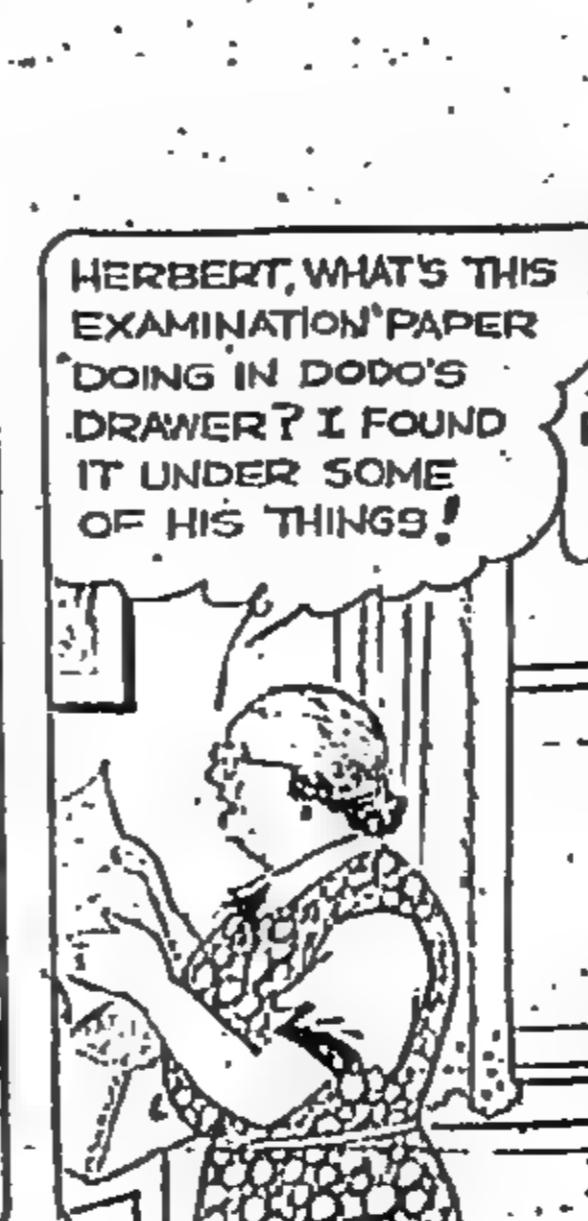
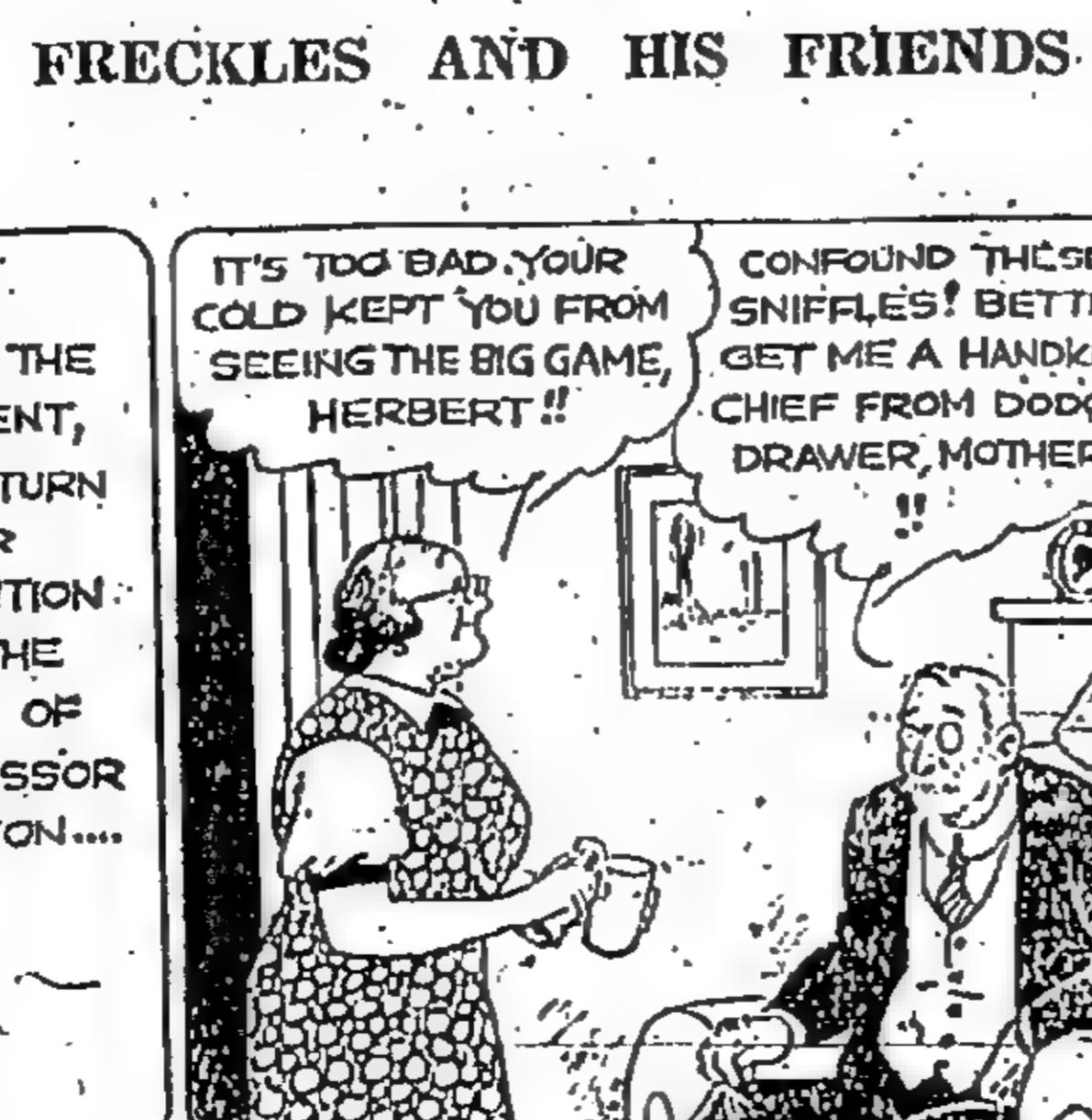
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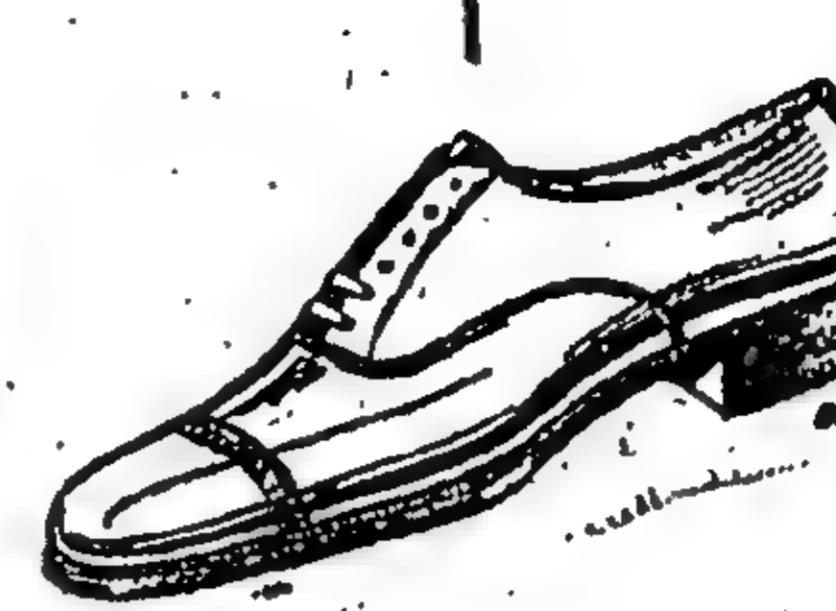
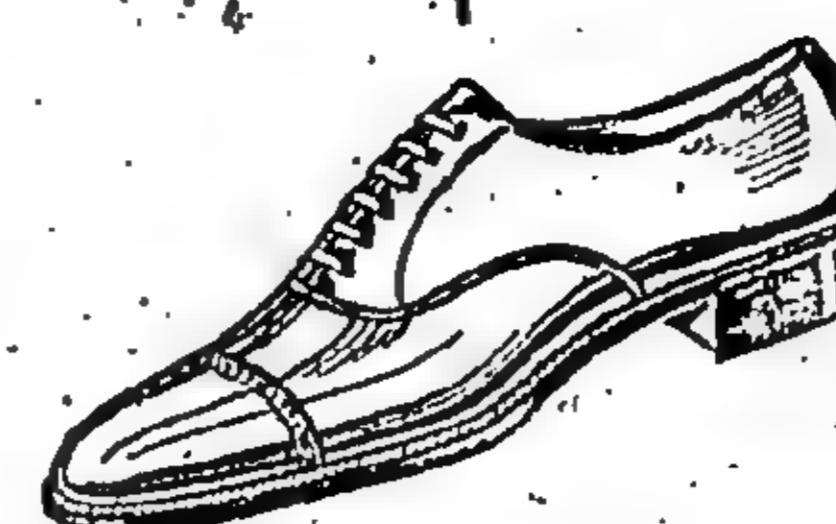


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**"THE YOUNG IDEA"**

**Brilliant Success**  
By A.D.C.

An engaging plot, scintillating dialogue and some really outstanding acting enable the Hongkong A.D.C. to record one of its greatest successes in the presentation of Noel Coward's "The Young Idea," enacted for the first time last night and which will be performed again to-night, to-morrow and Saturday at the China Fleet Club.

Usually, amateur play acting can be fully described by the word "Efficient." But this description implies merely word perfection and adherence to a certain standardised form of stage technique, permitting little or no room for the more subtle expressions of individuality.

Such a label is quite insufficient to attach to the A.D.C.'s present production, for the very essence of the players' success is the absence of stereotype form in their delineations.

In the first place, the Club very wisely decided on a light comedy by that modern master of gentle satire and subtle wit which is decidedly within its scope.

Thus the players have approached their task with complete confidence. The dialogue is not difficult, enabling the performers to make a fuller study of the histriomics demanded by the play. One is therefore deeply impressed by the sincerity behind the various studies and the happiness in which the players approach their work.

**INDIVIDUALITY AND PERSONALITY**

All of the principals infuse individuality and personality into their characterisations, and only very occasionally is there a drop to common standard generally associated with school plays.

The cast is so extraordinarily well balanced that no one principal gains more honours than another. In practically every instance the players are perfectly suited to their parts.

Most of the fun and there is enough laughter in the three acts to drive away any fit of depression (comes through Gerda and Sholto, played respectively by Betty Fair and Donald MacAllister, and it can be stated with complete confidence that Miss Fair has never performed better on the local stage. The ingenious manner in which she conceives schemes to counter unexpected situations ideally describes the type of Modern Young Miss which the author had in his mind when he conceived the play. She is given some very witty lines and makes to utmost of them.

Donald MacAllister is a newcomer to the Hongkong footlights, but no "grin" is more warmly welcome than this gentleman who has performed with distinction on the Shanghai amateur stage. His is a delightful study, and his contribution to a first rate entertainment, of the utmost importance.

**INDISPENSABLE CHAMPKIN**

Cyril Champkin is an indispensable to the Hongkong stage as silver is to a dollar, and this clever actor pays tribute to himself by making his varied parts fit him like a glove. His adaptability is no less important to the success of his appearances than his engaging stage personality, and as George Brent, the man with those rather queer and distorted ideas of an "English Gentleman" and with an "Old School Tie" complex, Mr. Champkin touches new heights of excellence in his performance.

Beryl Gough, playing Jennifer Brent's first wife, divorced, and Myrtle Brown appearing as Mrs. (her second wife) both give highly enjoyable performances and add lustre to a fine production.

Donald O'Leary, very nearly "steals" the honours in his last appearance, and as a wealthy American, kindly and tolerant, gentle and sympathetic, but bewildered by the chatter of Gerda and Sholto, he plays a part which it is doubtful could be equalled by anybody else in Hongkong. It is a sheer enjoyment to watch his acting and listen to his American twang.

**EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS**

The remainder of the cast are equally facile and engaging. Joan Mollison scores distinctly with her interpretation, as does Andrew Mackinlay until he comes to the love-making scene that we are made to cast doubt on his sincerity. A little more enthusiasm in his profession of love Cleely would have made the lines sound less like stock exchange quotations.

Renee Toledo sits on and off the stage in the last act, but she is highly attractive in all that she does, and no fault can be found with the house party of the English country gentility, adequately portrayed by Helen Prior, Vivienne Blackburn, Eric Brooks, and Gerald Nigel.

As for Mr. R. R. Campbell, the producer, it is difficult without

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**  
**MARKET LOWER YESTERDAY**

The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz, "The Wall Street Journal" report. On yesterday's markets states: Stocks were irregularly lower and trading was about the duller for the last ten years due to the lack of any fresh incentive. The markets were featureless, with the exception of United States Smelting issues which were depressed owing to further pressure. This stock, however, rallied later in the day. Traders have concentrated their attention on gold which firm up, owing to the fact that the price of gold is high. It is reported to be rapidly decreasing stocks. Farm shares firms up, due to the advance in grain prices. Bonds were irregularly lower. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were narrowly irregular. A net on the Stock Exchange was sold for \$65,000, the lowest price since 1919.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Average daily petroleum production for the week ended March 30 was estimated at 2,603,000 barrels. Weekly electricity production totalled 1,713,000,000 k.w.h., an increase of 2.8% as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz:

**Cotton:** The strength of distant positions has not confirmed the persistent rumour that constructive news is expected from Washington. Private acreage estimates are lower.

**Grain:** Wheat: No new developments were in evidence. Corn: Primary receipts and farm reserves of corn are small. There was a slightly better demand for cash corn, but it is reported that prices are not following futures.

**Rubber:** Exports from Ceylon during March totalled 1,720 tons. The decline in exports was seasonal. Strike news is more favourable. The market was erratic.

**REUTER QUOTATIONS**

The following quotations are, by Dow-Jones' Averages:

	Apr. 2.	Apr. 3.
10 Industrial	101.39	100.39
20 Rail	28.11	27.85
30 Utilities	16.70	16.68
50 Bonds	93.52	93.67
11 Commodity Index	55.22	55.91
10 Leading Stocks	Apr. 3.	Apr. 3.
Amer. Smelting	32	32
Auburn	152	152
Case J.I.	47	47
El. & Gas. Ch.	62	62
Gen. Elec.	284	284
Int. Tel. & Tel.	62	62
Montgomery Ward	23	23
Nat. Distillers	265	265
N.Y. Central	133	133
U.S. Steel	292	292

Mr. Wei Tat, D.A., will this evening continue his series of lectures on Evolution in the Lodge Room of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road. His subject will be "The Evolution of Man," and the lecture will commence at 6 p.m.

recourse to most of the superlatives to express one's admiration for the manner in which he has carried out the task of presenting this brilliant comedy for the entertainment of Hongkong. Judged on this work it is safe to predict that Mr. Campbell has a future of great promise as a producer and we shall impatiently await his next effort. If it is even as good as "The Young Idea" it will be completely satisfying.—S.A.G.

**THE CAST**

The full cast is:

George Brent, Cyril Champkin; Gerda, Betty Fair; Sholto, Donald MacAllister; Jennifer (his first wife, divorced), Beryl Gough; Cicely (his second wife), Myrtle Brown; Priscilla Hartleberry, Joan Mollison; Claud Eccles, Gerald Nigel; Julia Cragworthy, Helen Prior; Eustace Dabell, Eric Brooks; Sibyl Blauth, Vivienne Blackburn; Rodney Masters, Andrew Mackinlay; Huddle (butler), Robert Barry; Hiriam J. Walkin, Donald O'Kiefe; Maria (servant at the villa), Renée Toledo.

The play was produced by R. R. Campbell, assisted by the following:

Stage Manager—E. Grossman; Lighting—R. A. Starling; Promoters—Robert Barry and Vivienne Blackburn; Programme advertising—Roxor Advertising Company.

Pleasing incidental music between acts, was rendered on piano by Miss Doreen Ma.

Miss Betty Fair's dresses are by Paul Rennet and Lane, Crawford Ltd.; Mrs. Brown's dresses are by Paul Rennet; Miss Mollison's dresses are by Madame Leite; Mrs. Prior's dresses are by Madame Clifton; Miss Blackburn's dresses are by Madame D'Obry, and Miss Gough's dresses by Lane, Crawford Ltd. The hunting kits are by Mackintosh's Limited.

The Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club gratefully acknowledge the assistance given by: Commodore F. Elliott, O.B.E., and Officers of H. M. Ships, Mrs. Cyril Champkin, Mr. Felix G. Hill, Mr. A. G. Plevanelli, Mr. E. A. von Kouza-Nagy, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. A. Salmon, The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., the South China Morning Post, Hongkong Daily Press, Hongkong Telegraph, China Mail, Hongkong Sunday Herald, and Critic.

**CINEMA NEWS****NOTES FROM THE THEATRES**

Music-lovers have an outstanding treat in store for them with the coming run at the Queen's Theatre of "The Night is Young," containing Ramon Novarro and Evelyn Laye.

The charming songs sung by the stars are creations of well-known team of writers, Oscar Hammerstein II and Sigmund Romberg who gave us such outstanding musical hits as "New Moon" and "Desert Song."

Among the song hits are "The Night is Young," "When I am Too Old to Dream," "Though I am a Noble Duke," "There's a Riot in Havana," "Lena, I Love You," "Vienna Will Sing" and others. The melodies are haunting but the love story in the production is sweeter than their strains. Miss Evelyn Laye, blonde English singing star, is seen in the role of a little ballet dancer who brings to the screen a pliant new personality in addition to beauty and a glorious voice. Novarro plays opposite her as a young archduke who is commanded by the Emperor to marry a Countess but who loves her beyond all things and is loved in return, both caught in the whirlpool of life. There are plenty of laughs in "The Night is Young" provoked by the imposing cast including Charles Butterworth, the story-telling Uncle, the slicking Uncle Merkel, the irredeemable Edward Everett Horton and singing Herman Bing. Butterworth not only plays a comedy high spot in the picture, but he sings as well. It is the first time that the popular player has warbled on the screen. He and Miss Merkel sing a duet which is said to be something worth hearing.

**"The First World War"**

Commenting editorially on the appearance as a book of Laurence Stallings' "The First World War," the Washington News said: "To those who still believe there is glory and profit in war we commend the true book on war ever published."

It consists of 613 photographs, with brief heads and foreword by Laurence Stallings. That is enough. It tells the story better than words. There is the untouched record of monotony, blood and folly which propagandists sold to the people as a romantic crusade.

For the very young who want their chance in the trenches and us into the Second World War, this photographic history should be required reading."

Now "The First World War" is in all its truth and all its thrilling drama, has become a motion picture. Its producers, Fox Film Corporation, in association with Simon and Schuster, publishers of the book, have expressed the hope that the picture like the book, will serve to reveal the real meaning of war in every man, woman and child who sees it. With editorial comment by Laurence Stallings, the picture will be shown at the King's Theatre beginning on Friday.

**"Priso Jenny"**

The long step from the drawing-room to the Barbary Coast of old San Francisco gives to the screen an entirely new Ruth Chatterton, in her latest First National picture "Priso Jenny" showing at the Oriental Theatre on Friday and Saturday. Coming as an interesting departure from her long series of portrayals as the rich, charming and cultured women of high society, the title-role in "Priso Jenny" awards the star a change from a new characterization. "Priso Jenny" was a historical character in San Francisco during the after-the-earthquake period. She was the daughter of a saloon-keeper and a power in the underworld. Donald Cook, James Murray and Louis Calhern appear opposite Miss Chatterton in a triangle of prominent roles, while others in the cast include Harold Huber, Helen Jerome Eddy, Noel Francis, Pat O'Malley, Hallam Cooley, Robert Warwick, J. Carroll Naish and Robert Emmet O'Connor.

**"Kid Millions"**

"Kid Millions", Eddie Cantor's fifth annual screen musical comedy for Samuel Goldwyn, showing at the King's Theatre, is the season's most ambitious venture in the way of song-and-girl entertainment. For the sixties girls who win places in the battalion of decorative femininity, world-famous a Goldwyn girl is just around the corner. Eddie cantor required her own wardrobe, millinery, her own hairdresser, her own makeup man. The dancing instruction staff had twelve men. Eighty electricians were required to light one set of the production and hundreds of workers were required for the months of preparatory work on sets and costumes. The final episode of "Kid Millions" is a coloured fantasy, about five hundred feet long and taking no more than six minutes on the screen, but costing \$210,000 to make. The film is released through United Artists.

**"Most Precious Thing in Life"**

What is the most precious thing in life? Youth? Love? Memories? Success? The answer to this universal enigma is dramatically presented in the Columbia production, literally entitled "Most Precious Thing in Life" which has its final shoving to-day at the Queen's Theatre. Jean Arthur, Donald Cook and Richard Cromwell head the cast under Lambert Hillyer's direction. As interpreted by its author, Travie Ingham, whose original story was published serially in McCall's under the title "Biddy," "the most precious thing in life" is an all-consuming love. A love that laughs through its tears and sparkles with the heady wine of youth. The film portrays on wide canvas the story of four lives—inextricably caught in the swift cross-currents of love. She found her greatest love in something far beyond the reach of her groping dreams. He bartered this great love for a false honour, luxury, and social prestige. "Most Precious Thing in Life" is vital emotional drama.

**SHARE PRICES**

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

H.K. Banks, \$1280 s.  
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), \$127.50 n.  
Chartered Bank, ex. div. \$14% n.  
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. \$23 1/4 n.

Mercantile Bank C., \$18 1/4 n.  
East of Asia Bank, \$85 1/2 n.  
Am. O. Finance Corp., Sh. \$20 n.  
China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. \$180 n.  
China O. Fin. Prof. Sh. \$4 1/2 n.

Insurances.  
Canton Ins., \$260 n.  
Union Ins., \$415 b.  
China Underwriters, \$150 n.  
China Fire, \$400 n.  
H.K. Fire Ins., \$215 n.  
Internat'l Assce., Sh. —

Shipping.  
Douglas, \$39 n.  
Euro-Asian Steamboats, \$7 1/4 n.  
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.), \$30 n.  
Indo-Chinas, (Dot.), \$38 n.  
Internat'l Assce., Sh. —

Minning.  
Antamoks, 93 cts. sa.  
Balutocas \$43 n.  
Baguio Gold, 39 cts. n.  
Benguet Consolidated \$14 n.  
Benguet Emp., 15 cts. n.  
Benguet Goldfield, 10 cts. n.  
Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.  
Gold Creek, 40 cts. n.  
Gold River, 11 cts. b.  
Ipo Mining, \$1 1/4 n.  
Itogons, 42 cts. n.  
Safacut, 16 cts. n.  
Kailan, 16 1/2 n.  
Langkans (Single), \$16 n.  
Shai Explorations, Sh. \$5 n.  
Shai Loans, Sh. \$6 n.  
Kraus, \$3.15 n.  
Verz, Goldfield, \$5 n.

Docks &c.  
H.K. Wharves Cum. rts. \$90 b.  
H.K. Wharves Ex-rights, \$90/2 n.  
H.K. Docks, \$93 1/2 n.  
Providents (old), \$1 n.  
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.  
Hongkong (old), Sh. \$309 n.  
New Engineering, Sh. \$5 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$120 n.

Cotton-Mills.  
Two Cottons, Sh. \$8.10 n.  
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$74 n.  
Shai Cottons (new), Sh. \$45 n.  
Zoong Singa, \$9.90 n.  
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$65 n.  
Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. & S. Hotels, \$4.90 b.  
H.K. Lands, \$42 1/2 1/2 n.  
H.K. Land 4% debentures, \$102 n.

Shai Lands, Sh. \$18 n.  
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$12.20 n.  
Humphreys, \$9 1/2 n.  
H.K. Renties \$5.10 n.  
Asia Renties "A" Sh. \$100 n.  
Asia Renties "B" Sh. \$16 n.  
Chinese Estates, Ex. div. \$90 n.  
China Renties, Sh. \$9.60 n.  
China Debenture, \$123 n.  
Public Utilities.  
H.K. Tramways, \$16.70/80 n.  
Peak Trans., \$8 1/2 n.  
Peak Trans., (new), \$6 n.  
Star Ferries, \$89 n.  
Yau Ma Tei Ferries, (old), \$22 n.  
China Lights, \$9.85 sa.  
H.K. Electrics, \$64 1/2 b.  
Macao Electrics, \$25 n.  
Sandakan Lights, \$8 n.  
Telephone (old), \$23 1/2 n.  
Telephone (new), \$10 n.  
China Buses, Sh. \$12.40 n.  
Singapore Traction, 10 1/2 n.  
Singapore Pref. 20/6 n.

Industrials.  
Malabon Sugars, \$8.50 n.  
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$16 n.  
Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$16 n.  
Canton Ices, \$2 1/2 n.  
Cement (Converted), \$6 1/2 n.  
H.K. Ropes, \$2.50 n.

Stores &c.  
Dairy Farms, \$18.80 b.  
Watson, \$3.60 b.  
Lane Crawfords, \$3.75 n.  
Mackintosh, \$21 n.  
Sincere, \$8 n.  
Wm. Powells, 70 cts. n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$105 n.

Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$1.80 n.  
H.K. Entertainments, \$6.40 n.  
S. C. Enterprise, \$1.36 n.  
Macno "Greyhounds," \$2 n.  
Constructions (old), \$1.70 n.  
Construction (new), 45 cts. n.  
Vibor Piling, \$5 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1926 G. S. Bonds  
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## COMMODITY MARKET

### SILK SLIGHTLY HIGHER

### COTTON STILL UNCERTAIN

New York, April 3. Silk prices were one to one and a half points higher here to-day. Dealer and import accounts were good buyers of near deliveries.

Manufacturers and commission houses were the principal sellers.

Now buying of forward deliveries was limited, due to the statistical report showing that March consumption was 2,000 bales higher than the average of trade predictions.

Near deliveries on the New York Cotton Exchange closed four points lower while future deliveries were ten to fifteen points higher.

There are rumours circulating here that the Government is considering a 1935 loan and they have resulted in buying of new positions.

A moderate reaction tempered the gains around the close of the market.

Switching from old to new cotton positions is the most active feature of trading and the narrowing of differences was the sharpest for some time.

Trading increased materially towards the close.—*United Press*.

### PROCESSING TAX

Washington, April 3. The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry Wallace, to-day said that the cotton processing tax will continue to be unchanged until August 1.

This date, he explained, was the beginning of the new marketing year, and that after that date the situation would be re-examined for the purpose of determining whether or not the tax should be changed.—*United Press*.

### ANGLO-EGYPT TRADE

### MISSION VISITING LONDON

London, April 3. The Egyptian Trade Mission, which is visiting London at the Government's invitation, will be met on arrival to-morrow evening by Colonel Colville, Parliamentary Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department of the Board of Trade.

The Mission, whose object is to explore the possibilities of consolidating and increasing trade between the two countries within the framework of existing agreements, will be received by Mr. Walter Runciman on Friday and will be guests at a dinner at the Egyptian Legation in the evening.

The visitors will inspect the Croydon air port on Saturday. Next Wednesday and Thursday, they will spend visiting Manchester and other industrial centres. They will be guests of the British Government for a week.—*British Wireless*.

### SINCLAIR STILL FIGHTING

### CHARGES AGAINST STATE GOVERNOR

(Special to "Telegraph")

Los Angeles, April 3. Mr. Upton Sinclair, defeated candidate for the California Governorship, has charged Governor Merriam with failing to accomplish a single one of the things promised during his election campaign.

Mr. Sinclair is driving his "Epic Plan" onward, in his own phrase, and still hopes to see it adopted by the State of California.—*United Press*.

### NIGHT NOISES

### NOT LIKED IN 1884 OR NOW!

Two young Chinese, Leung Kan and Lee Heung, were charged before Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with making a noise at night by striking pieces of bamboo together. It was stated that they were engaged by eating houses to solicit customers.

In finding them \$2 each, his Worship said "General D'Aguilar did not like it in 1884 and we still do not like it. It is against the law to do that. Don't do it again."

### BRITAIN URGED TO MEDIATE

(Continued from Page 1.)

and Japan, without exciting the suspicion and hostility of other powers," said Vicecount Peill.

### PRO-JAPANESE VIEW

Lord Newton, who recently visited the Far East, adopted a pro-Japanese attitude in his speech. He said Japan and China were in consultation, and remarked "My information is that it is highly probable that the negotiations will end favourably, more especially because Japan is ready to pay over a large sum to China, in virtue of some arrangement relating to Customs."

Japanese absorption of China, he said, a hallucination, Japan was not in a position, financially or otherwise, to do anything of the kind. Britain should do everything possible to facilitate an Arbitration Commission and that meanwhile preparations for war on the part of both Italy and Abyssinia should immediately cease.—*United Press*.

The alternative method of a crusade against Japan would lead to war of the white man against two Asiatic Empires, with a consequent loss of Eastern possessions.

### LEAVE JAPAN ALONE

Lord Atholl said the best plan was to leave Japan alone to occupy Manchuria, for which she had paid handsomely in money and blood. China would then have an opportunity of pulling herself together.

Lord Glasgow referred to the Boundary Commission between China and Burma and asked when it was going to start.

Lord Lamington urged that the moment was favourable for Britain, Japan and the United States to come to agreement as regards the Pacific.

Lord Barnby deplored the suggestions that Japan was extending aggression and domination. He said finance was the chief point to be considered, and in view of Japan's many commitments it was unreasonable to suggest that she aimed at absorbing a large part of China.

Continuing his speech, Lord Barnby urged China to realise the necessity of reliance on Britain and co-operation with Japan. He said if China and Japan collaborated, it was reasonable to expect that Britain would do likewise, and logic would invite the United States to co-operate also. He said apart from "jingo politicians from California," nobody thought there was a fundamental issue standing between Japan and the United States. He added that no reasonable person expected Japan to recede from her present position, and opinion in China was rapidly changing towards a better understanding with Japan.

TASK FOR BRITAIN

Lord Addington emphasised that the interests of China and Japan were not necessarily conflicting, but the fact that they had clashed caused a dangerous situation. Some other nation ought to mediate, and for this Britain was uniquely fitted.

Britain, said Lord Addington, should make up her mind. These important issues required immediate attention. There was grave risk of the economic collapse of China, and unless something was done soon, it might be too late to avert disaster. Britain might face a fait accompli and shape an Asiatic Monroe Doctrine.

Lord Lothian expressed the opinion that the Far Eastern problem could be solved with tolerance and wisdom. He said the root of the trouble was that Japan had taken unilateral action, instead of consulting the co-signatories of the Washington treaties. "We must revert to the principles of those treaties," he declared.

Frank, open discussion between the Powers concerned was the only solution.

Lord Marley contended that it was shirking realities to take up a purely anti-Japanese attitude.

He said until Japan began her continental policy, no nation had shown preparedness to face the question of handing over to Japan some of its privileges.

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS?

"Possibly," said Lord Lothian, "the Japanese have serious further developments in view. There is a possibility of development of the Mongolian Empire, which wants careful watching. We shall never get a satisfactory solution unless we watch sympathetically and judge how far we can aid such developments."

Lord Lothian added that the Labourites would support a full discussion between all nations involved, including the Soviet. Such a conference must emphatically reiterate that the Powers concerned have no intention to continue domination and exploitation of the Chinese people.

### GOVERNMENT REPLY

Lord Stanhope, replying for the Government, said it was going to say that China was financially on the point of collapse.

### WAR PREPARATIONS IN ABYSSINIA

### WORK GOES FORWARD QUITE OPENLY

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Apr. 3. War preparations are proceeding quite openly in Abyssinia, according to a despatch from Addis Ababa, capital of the Ethiopian Empire, received by the *Daily Telegraph*.

This situation may seriously complicate the problem between Italy and Abyssinia, since Abyssinia recently proposed that the League take steps to appoint an Arbitration Commission and that meanwhile preparations for war on the part of both Italy and Abyssinia should immediately cease.—*United Press*.

### U.S. INTEREST IN CHINA'S MOVE

### SILVER REDEMPTION MAY NOT LAST

New York, April 3. Reports from China to the effect that the Government had acquired control of the three principal Chinese banks have aroused the interest of local banking circles.

The opinion is expressed that this move might be preliminary to rescinding the privilege of redeeming bank notes in silver.—*Reuters*.

### MANILA STOCK EXCHANGE

### PHILIPPINE GOLD SHARE QUOTATIONS

To-day's quotations as received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz shortly after the close of the morning session of the Manila Stock Exchange are as follows:

	Price	Asked Bid Sales Volume	Price	Asked Bid Sales Volume
Antanob Gold Mills	0.31	0.20	0.30	0.20
Bancu Gold Mining	0.31	0.20	0.30	0.20
Benguet Consolidated	12.10	12.00	12.00	12.00
Gold Miner	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.09
Gold Mine	0.36	0.34	0.35	0.36
Iron Mining Co.	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16
Saladon Mining Co.	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.19
Suyos Consolidated	0.53	0.51	0.52	0.53
United Paper Mills	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.19
U.S. F. Gold share Index	712	700	712	700
stably. Volume pence	140,000			

Among the passengers booked from Europe who sailed from Vancouver on March 29, due in Hongkong on April 12, 1935, are the following:—Mr. C. T. Toh, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tan, Major H. R. Crailisham, Mr. W. Gordon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Watkinson, Mr. M. C. D. Drummond, Mr. H. B. Duff, Mr. R. A. Onslow van Lierop, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis.

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this opportunity for making close contact, in view of the recent developments in the European political situation.—*United Press*.

### HONGKONG SINGERS

### AMBITION PROGRAMME ARRANGED

At the conclusion of the rehearsal on Tuesday evening, the Hongkong Singers to the number of 45 had their first business meeting with the object of putting the organization on to a more regular basis. The following elections were made:

Chairman, Mr. A. S. King; Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Riach (Tel. 59480); Committee, Miss Lock, Mr. D. J. Lund; Conductor, Mr. J. Anderson Miller; Accompanist, Miss Valerie Morris.

Miss B. Kirke expressed her willingness to assist in the secretarial duties, and the Rev. H. W. Balnes, whilst regretting his inability to serve on the Committee, promised a continuance of the useful assistance he has already rendered to the Singers.

After some discussion it was agreed that rehearsals for the next two months should be held on Thursday evenings at 6.30 p.m. sharp, the Conductor undertaking that they should not go on after 7 p.m. There was, rather surprisingly, quite an emphatic demand for rehearsals to continue during the summer months preferably after dinner, and the Committee were instructed to give this matter their early consideration.

Work for Choirs

The Chairman explained that with addition of some ten new members who had, since the "Elijah" performance, expressed their desire to join the Singers, the full choir would now number 80, but that it was proposed to take up works, madrigals etc. for a smaller selected choir of about 20.

It was also hoped that the Singers might on occasion undertake a varied programme consisting of mixed and/or male voice quartetts, solo, part songs etc.

There was quite a spirited discussion as to the programme for the coming autumn and winter, it being finally decided to undertake for Armistice Day (All Souls' Day) Brahms' "Requiem" or Elgar's "The Messiah" with orchestra during December. It was provisionally decided that the "St. Matthew Passion" (Bach) should be given in the Cathedral during Holy Week.

For the next few weeks the Singers will be rehearsing Parry's "Beast Pair of Sirens," Bach's "Blest Pair of Sirens," Bach's "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" and in addition one or two motets. The next rehearsal will be on Thursday April 11, in the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road. There will not be a rehearsal on April 18, which falls in Holy Week.

Singers to whom the above programme appeals and who would like to join the choir should communicate with Mr. J. Anderson Miller, 92B Nathan Road, Kowloon (Telephone 50283). It is a condition of partaking in any concert that a member shall have attended 75% of the rehearsals and at least three out of the last four before the concert.

FRANCE MAKING NEW ALLIES

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this opportunity for making close contact, in view of the recent developments in the European political situation.—*United Press*.

BRIEF COMMUNIQUE

London, Apr. 3. A communiqué issued in Warsaw on the conclusion this afternoon of the Anglo-Polish conversations, states they were conducted in an atmosphere of great cordiality.

It adds that Mr. Anthony Eden gave Colonel Beck an account of the recent conversations in Berlin and Moscow, and the Polish Government's views on matters referred to in the Anglo-French declaration of February 3 were explained to Mr. Eden.

Both statesmen agreed that the interchange of views had been of the most informative character and had completely fulfilled their purpose. The desirability of maintaining close contact in regard to future developments in the European situation is emphasised in the communiqué.

Mr. Eden, who is travelling by night train from Warsaw, will arrive in Prague early tomorrow morning. Conversations with the Czech-Slovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Benes, are expected to occupy the whole of the morning and according to present arrangements Mr. Eden, after attending a lunch given in his honour by Dr. Benes, will leave for London by air.—*British Wireless*.

### SEEKS TO PLACATE JAPANESE

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far as Britain, the United States and Japan were concerned.—*Reuters*.

GERMAN NAVY

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, April 3. The London *Daily Telegraph's* naval correspondent predicts that Germany will in all probability be invited to the Naval Limitation Conference scheduled for this year.

He says the United States and Japan are reported to favour an invitation to Berlin. He believes Germany will demand battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers and submarines for her naval arm.

It has been proposed that a letter should be sent to the Colonial Secretary in Hongkong by the Officers' Guild and it is believed that a despatch to the Government's policy in regard to the Kwangtung Union which, though prospered in the Colony, has nevertheless achieved the virtual dismissal of an officer from a British ship for carrying out his duty in searching for and confounding unmanifested cargo.

### ACCIDENT INQUEST

### WOMAN JUMPS OFF MOVING MOTOR BUS

Sitting as Coroner at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones, assisted by a Jury, conducted an Inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a girl, Yip Sau-king, aged 16, who died as the result of falling from Kowloon Motor Bus Company bus No. 90 while it was in motion in Wuhan Street on the night of March 5.

Mr. W. N. Bayley (Foreman), Mr. R. A. Starling and Mr. Jan Shiu-tai comprised the jury.

Two occurrences recently have brought this conflict between the Canton Union and the officers of British ships in the coastal trade into prominence. The first was that a number of Europeans had joined the Chinese Union, and then last week the Union again reached an intolerable state, and that action of a definite sort will have to be taken.

The service at the graveside was conducted by some of the congregation from the Gospel Hall, Duddell Street, with which Miss Leung was associated.

The Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Dr. W. B. A. Moore) was



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#### SERIAL STORY

## SILKEN SPINDLES

by Jane Lee Brookner

#### CHAPTER XXXIII

The amazing fact to Gale was that everything went on next day just as it had. The sun shone brightly. Birds were singing as she walked, work—sharp, shrill notes that were a mockery. Two girls, standing beside Gale in the cloak room, laughed and joked as they hung away their coats and hats.

It was all just as it had been the day before.

And yet, how could it be? How could there be laughter and gaiety in the world? How could anything be the same when for Gale there was only blankness and emptiness everywhere? Standing before the庞大的 machine, staring at the blur of moving hands and jerking bobbins, Gale saw Vicky Thatcher again, drawing her beautiful fur coat around her. She heard Vicky saying in low-pitched even tones, "It's supposed to be a secret but . . . Brian and I are going to be married. In June sometime. Think June weddings are the nicest, don't you?"

"Who is who coming back?" "You know! That man who doeth thicks!"

"Oh!" The chilly hand clutched Gale's heart again. It was a moment before she found her voice. Then she said, "I don't know, Tommy. I don't know when he's coming back."

"But I want to see him! Look—he hold it with like thinn!"

The grimy fingers dug into a half-torn pocket, producing a cork from a bottle.

"It's thind—" The youngster began attempting to demonstrate the puzzle, but Gale put a hand on his shoulder.

"I'm sorry, honey," she said, "but I've got to go in the house now. I've got to get supper. Some other time you can show me how the trick goes."

But the youngster was adamant. "No," he said, "it's that man I want back to thee. You tell him to come back here. I twid over and over and I can't get it right. You tell him!"

Gale sought escape. "Maybe Phil knows how to do it," she said. "He'll be coming any minute now."

The child shook his head. "It's that man I want to see," he repeated.

From the rear of the O'Connor's house a shrill voice called, "Tom-meel! Oh, Tom-meel!"

"That's your Mother," Gale said.

"You mustn't keep her waiting."

The shrill cry was repeated. Tommy looked up at Gale sorrowfully. "All right," he said. "I'll go, but I'm comin' back! I want to see that man!"

Gale hurried up the walk and into the house.

It was Brian whom Tommy wanted to see—Brian with his tricks to amuse youngsters, his gay, flattering speech that were tricks, too.

She opened the door and called a greeting to her father, then went into the kitchen and methodically began preparing the evening meal.

After they had finished eating, after the dishes had been washed and

humbled, humiliated. And there was more to that than that. She had really cared for Brian Westmore—or for the man she had thought Brian Westmore to be. She had dreamed

for hands, moving up and down mechanically, became a gray blur again. Oh, but she must get hold of herself! Fisher, the foreman, would be around any moment. She had to stop thinking about last night, had to keep her mind on her work!

brought the brown dress. Gale had promised to help make over. It was wrapped in a newspaper with a strip of plaid silk and a picture from a fashion magazine.

"Look," Josie said, holding the strip of plaid up to her face. "Don't you think it's kind of pretty?"

She had forgotten that she had promised to help Josie. She said, looking at the fashion picture, "Oh, yes—this is the one we decided on, isn't it?"

She got out newspapers and cut a collar pattern, fitting it about Josie's shoulders. She pinned the paper collar into place and Josie considered herself in the mirror and seemed pleased.

She said, "Gee, Gale, it must be swell to be able to see new like you can. I tried to make a dress once and you should have seen it! Was I a sight?"

Gale was cutting the silk, careful to keep the edges even. "It just hard after you've had a little practice."

Maybe that was the way with other things," she thought. Maybe after telling yourself often enough that you didn't care about a person, that you despised them, it would really be true. She hoped it was like that, hoped it with all her heart!

She drew her needle in and out of the silk, taking minute, invisible stitches. She had the binding on one half of the collar when Josie cut in sharply:

"Gee, look—you've got it on the wrong side!"

"Oh, I have, haven't I? I'll have to rip it!"

Josie eyed the other girl shrewdly. She thought for an instant that there were tears in Gale's eyes, but that was ridiculous. Putting the binding of a collar on the wrong way couldn't make anyone cry.

An hour later, Josie rose to leave, the finished dress over her arm.

She said, "Gee, Gale, you were swell to do this for me. It's like a new dress!"

"I'm glad I could do it!" Gale told her. She really meant it. Sewing for Josie had filled the evening. She said, "Good night, Josie. See you tomorrow!"

And thus the day ended. Tomorrow, Gale told herself as she undressed and got into her plain little white gown, would be easier. Gradually the days would grow easier and she would learn to forget that she had been a silly, ridiculous little fool. She would even, some day, be able to think of Brian Westmore without that sharp, stabbing pain. Maybe she would be able to take the incident as lightly as he had.

But she couldn't do that now. She found out the following evening, coming home from the mill, just how far she was from thinking rationally, dispassionately, about the whole affair. She had left Josie a block behind. Turning a corner, Gale's heart suddenly ceased beating. There, ahead of her, was Brian.

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Hongkong.**REPUBLICANS IN POWER****SWEEP MICHIGAN STATE**

(Special to "Telegraph")

Detroit, Apr. 3. The election of eight minor State officials by the Republican element returns that party to complete power in Michigan.

Michigan, a stronghold of Republicanism, even at the last election, returned two Senators on the Senate.—United Press.

**DUTCH INDIES' VISITOR****MINISTER OF ECONOMY SEEING CHINA**

Nanking, April 4. Mr. Hardy, Minister of Economy in the Dutch East Indies, with his wife, is proceeding to Peiping after paying a courtesy visit to the Chinese Government leaders here. Mr. Hardy told pressmen on his departure that he was favourably impressed by the construction work in the new Chinese capital. He added that his visit was purely of a private nature without political significance. However, he took a deep interest in the economic development of China.—Central News.

**THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY****H.M.S. BRISBANE TO BE SCRAPPED**

London, Apr. 3. Sir Eyres Monson announced to-day that H.M.A.S. Australia, in which the Duke of Gloucester recently returned from his Empress tour, will probably remain in Home waters until early in May. H.M.S. Brisbane will arrive in Home waters early in July, and in due course be scrapped on replacement by H.M.S. Sydney, which will

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